Botha under fire over hoax

BURG (R) - Foreign Minister Pik Botha acknowledged The later with the based on fake radio broadcasts. Boths said he was not enthanced to have made the charges, even if the messages were the messages were the messages were the made according to a syntage he had made South Africa the target of international relative to the target of international relative. South a thinned he was simply trying to avert conflict prior to the New 7-11 elections that are to lead Namelbia, a South African colony, into adopt the first to be subspendence. "If these transmission are a hoar, I would be the first to be person." Boths said in a statement Friday. "At least it has had the result that everybody has been sensitised to the need to curtail violence or includedon." The far-right Conservative Party, which won 31 per cent of the white vote in nortion confine vote in perliamentary elections in September, said Botha, "in his said dramatic and exhibitionist manner," made his pronouncement out verifying his information. "South Africa, which aiready suffers from a credibility problem, has been made to be the laughing stock of the international community," said the conservatives' foreign affairs spokesmm; For Langley.



Leipzig mayor latest casualty

EAST BERLIN (R) --- The mayor of Leipzig, the East German city rocked by pro-democracy street protests for the past six weeks, resigned Friday, the latest victim of the country's most serious political turmoil in 36 years. In Dresden, a court sentenced three men to prison terms of four years, two and a half years and 26 months for taking part in a riot last month when police tried to stop people boarding a train taking East German emigrants to West Germany. The mayor of Leipzig, Bernd Seidel, quit his post on the grounds that he had lost the confidence of local people, the official news agency ADN said. Hundreds of thousands of people have demonstrated for political reform every Monday in Leipzig since late September in East Germany's largest protests since its foundation in 1949. Up to 300,000 people massed in Leipzig last Monday. The railies, combined with similar protests in other big cities and the flight to the West this year of 167,000 East Germans, have forced the communist authorities to relax their rule and prompted them to start sacking unpopular officials. A small communist-allied political party, the Liberal Democratic Party, proposed that the entire East German government should resign.

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bombs exploded outside the homes of three Christian legisla-tors Friday, as army chief Michel Again threatened to dissolve parhament if it convened to ratify a peace plan without his approval. The blasts wounded a woman

outside the residence of parliament deputy Michel Khazen in Jounich, in the Christian heartland north of Beirut

The explosions outside the homes of deputies August Rukhus and Salem Abdel Nour in the east Beirut districts of ideideh and Badaro, caused no casualties, police said.

The three deputies are in Paris along with 25 colleagues from the Christian heartland who have re-

dorsing the Arah League-brokered peace accord during a special parliament session in Saudi Arabia last month.

The blasts occurred within an hour after Aoun ended a news conference at his residence in the bunker of the shell-ravaged Baabda presidential palace.

He said: "I ask the legislators not to commit the final and major mistake. I ask them not to take part in the parliamentary session. Let them take their time. Let them come here and let's discuss the document."

That was a reference to the 28 parliamentarians in Paris. "Parliament will be dissolved if they tried to pass the document without discussing what they have done with me," said Aoun, who heads the military cabinet in Lebanon's dual government.

An aide to Aoun said earlier the Maronite general and the two other officers in his interim military cabinet were considering adopting "historic decisions. Its a crucial meeting."

That led to speculation he would dismiss the 73 deputies, the last elected officials still in office after 14 years of civil war. Aoun's cabinet is vying for power with the civilian govern-ment of acting Prime Minister

Salim Al Hoss. The conservative Al Diyar before the meeting gets underway newspaper said Lehanon's

Amhassador to France Fuad Turk informed the lawmakers currently in Paris that Aoun has decided to dissolve parliament.

Maronite Christian patriarcb appealed to acting Speaker Hussein Husseini to delay the meeting. Husseini said it would go ahead as scheduled.

The ontcome, however, remained in doubt. Deputies needed for a quroum

were outside the country, waiting to see whether Aoun could be persuaded to drop his opposition, consultations continued on all

Postponement of the session until Monday or Tuesday was predicted by many political in-

Two Palestinians killed in W. Reports that nearly 40 people

(Agencies) — Israeli soldiers fatally shot a 16-year-old Palestinian in a clash with stonethrowers Friday in the occupied West Bank, and an Arah woman was killed by unknown assailants, apparently for prostitution, Arab

Both incidents occurred in the old central market of Nahlus, the West Bank's largest city with 120,000 people. The city was put under curfew by the army after the incidents.

The army said that troops had opened fire with plastic hullets in

By Ghadeer Taher

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AMMAN — An unprecedented

case filed by fundamentalists

against a woman candidate running in the Nov. 8 elections has been

rejected by an Islamic court, sig-nalling an apparent victory for liberals over ultra-conservative ten-

The apostasy and atheism case against Toujan Faisal, an aspirant for the Circassian seat in the Fifth

District of Amman, was ruled by

Sheikh Mahmoud Al Shanqiu as

beyond the jurisdiction of his Isla-

mic Sharia court, according to informed sources. No official con-

The source said the judge, citing

constitutional and Sharia court pro-

cedures, had dismissed the case in

the absence of the two parties

fied of the decision," said Faisal, when reached by telephone.

"However, it was a forgone conclu-

sion since it was clear that they (the

Monzer Hamo, Faisal's lawyer.

said he was also not officially noti-

fied of any ruling in the case and

that he would attend court on Nov.

9, the date set by the judge to rule

plaintiffs) had no case against me.'

"I have not been officially noti-

dencies in the country.

firmation was available.

were thrown, but said it could not say if the teenager was killed in the incident because his family had removed the body from a Nahlus hospital for hurial before troops arrived. The woman, Naima Farouk

the central market after stones

Jaara, was taken from her home hy masked men had found later with a single hullet wound in the head, reports said.

She was accused of prostitution and collaborating with the Israeli occupation authorities, they said. Meanwhile, the army said soldiers sealed the homes of three Palestinians in the Tufah neighbourhood in Gaza City. Residents in the houses, including two brothers, were suspected of belonging to the Pales-tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO), of making explosive de-

vices and of throwing molotov cocktails, the army said. The U.S. government and human rights groups have repeatedly complained about Israeli's policy of destroying or sealing homes, saying it constitutes collective punishment and often occurs before the suspect is convicted of

lived in the affected homes. According to the army, more than 240 houses have been destroyed since the uprising began.

At least 50 Palestinians died at the hands of Israelis and unknown assailants during October, one of the bloodiest months since the uprising erupted in December

Betselem, the Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, said Thursday that troops killed 30 Palestinians, including a threeyear-old boy.

Response to Baker eludes

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel's contition leaders failed Friday to draft a response to U.S. proposals for Israeli-Palestiman talks m

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his three most powerful ministers conferred for about an hour but were able to say only that their - positive effort" to agree on a common position

would continue. This effort will continue and hopefully succeed and a joint formula will be submitted to the cabinet," the four men said in a joint statement read to reporters. The Cairo talks were proposed to break a deadlock on Israel's call for Palestinian elections in

the occupied Gaza Strip and the

West Bank. Defence Minister Yitzhak by saying Thursday that the

PLO leaders meet in Cairo

Rabin said the four men, two Palestine Liberation Organisaeach from rival sides of Israel's coalition government, had discussed the latest U.S. proposal on the Cairo negotiations but did not when they would meet

Israel must decide quickly if it is to issue a response to U.S. Secretary of State James Baker before Shamir leaves for the United States Nov. 13.

- Members of Shamir's rightwing Likud faction had described the new U.S. proposal as a victory for Israel that gave it a veto over the composition of the Palestinian delegation in Cairo. Egyptian President Hosni

Muharak angered Israeli officials

tion (PLO) would have to approve preparations for the

Cairo talks. The daily Maariv said the majority of Likud ministers now want to accept the U.S. proposal, then demand additional American guarantees that the PLQ

play no role in peace talks. Foreign ministry sources, asking not to be identified, said there was "astonishment" at Mubarak's comments when he met Yasser Arafat, chairman of

Mnbarak said Arafat would have to approve the terms of proposed Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo

"These declarations contradict

in essence Israel's "peace" initiative as well as the proposals of Baker," said an official.

The PLO Executive Committee will meet in Cairo Saturday under the chairmanship of Arafat, Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported

If held, the meeting would be the first by the PLO's 15-member ruling body in Cairo in more than 12 years.

The state-owned agency said the agenda would include efforts to organise an Israeli-Palestinian peace dialogue and the situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

All committee members are expected at the session except Bishop Elia Khoury, who is sick, the Egyptian agency said.

Court said not to accept 'apostasy'

whether the court was competent to hear the case, the first of its kind in Jordan.

The two plaintiffs, one an assistant mufti in the Armed Forces. citing "public night," wanted the Sharia court in Amman to declare Faisal incompetent, dissolve her marriage and give anyone immunity who sheds her blood.

Judicial sources quoted hy Reu-ters said Shanqid based his ruling partly on Article 105 of the Con stitution, which says Sharia courts have jurisdiction on cases concerning the personal status of Muslims. blood money and Muslim religious endowments.

Many observers view the early decision as a result of popular indignation and pressure to make a ruling ahead of the elections to the Lower House of Parliament, Activists, university professors, lawyers and journalists submitted a petition His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday, denouncing the charges against Faisal as "intellectual and psychological intimidation which will reflect badly on Jordan's image and on the democratic

atmosphere for the elections... According to Faisal, an organised group which she did not identify, engineered the case "aimed at stiffing the women's movement in Jor-

group) own law in the country. One Islamic group, the Muslim Brotherhood, has denied any links to the two fundamentalist plaintiffs and said that the suit was damaging to their candidates in the Nov. 8 elections but adopted a neutral posture over the case.

The two plaintiffs hased their charges on an article Faisal wrote in the Arabic Al Ra'i daily as part of an ongoing debate on women's role in society and their competence in handling important national issues. The plaintiffs alleged that Faisal,

40, a former television personality who aired a series of controversial issues such as child abuse and wifebeating in her 18-year career with Jordan Television, had questioned the Prophet Mohammad's

sayings.
"The defendant had dared to declare her apostasy and ndiculed the Prophet Mohammad in his con-clusive judgements," they charged. "She contested the Prophet Mohammad's saying which de-scribes women as lacking in mind and rebgion... and considered these savings as a crime and advocated equality between men and women," they contended.

"She described as contemptuou the instructions on women to be polite and to dress decently and the divine order which stipulates that two women witnesses equal one male witness in court... and... she called for the domination of the mind rather the domination of one person over another," they

case

According to Faisal, the charges were "based on exceptts taken on of context from the article." She argued that the charges were "poli-tically motivated" since the plain-tiffs waited over one month "until the elections and my candidacy to raise the issue."

Faisal, well versed in the Koran said she believes that Islam gives equal night to both men and

She said Friday that she was approached with an offer that the case against her could be dropped if she apologised for the Al Ra'i article, which appeared under the title "They curse us and we elect them," and if she promised to not to press countercharges against the

"I refused," she said. "If I had agreed to (such a deal), it would have deprived many others like me

No change in firm Soviet stand behind call for peace conference

By Ghadeer Taher and P.V. Vivekanand

Jordan Times Staff Writers AMMAN - Recent temarks by a senior Soviet official that an American formula for Middle East peace talks was worth considering do not indicate any change in Moscow's firm belief that an international peace conference is the best forum to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict. according to the Soviet ambassador

to Jordan. Our position remains un-changed, said Ambassador Alexander Zinchuk. "We are open to all options and means to arrive at a peace settlement (in the Middle East) through an international con-

ference," he said.

The ambassador was answering a Jordan Times question on a recent. statement by special Soviet euroy Gennady Tarasov, who visited Caro last week, that a five-point proposal tabled by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker as well as other suggestions were worth dis-The statement was interpresed by analysis as indicating a new Soviet Beriblity in Middle East peace efforts since the Baker formula does not refer to an international conference, an idea firmly

advocated by the Kremlin. in an interview with the lordan Times. Zinchuk affirmed that Moscow was trying to break the dead-lock in Middle East peace efforts and said Soviet consideration of any suggestion or proposal from any quarters should be seen strictly within this context.

According to the ambassador,

proposal, tabled by (Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard) Shevardnadze during his visit to the Middle East earlier this year, is still alive," he said. "Some of the parties expressed reservations over the proposal at that time, but now there seems to be some changes," he added: Moscow believes that its proposal

is one of the options available to the Arabs as well as other parties to end the stalemate in peace efforts, "We are also hoping to advance

Soviet peace committee.

In any event, Zinchuk added, "neither the Soveit Union por the U.S. can be expected to produce a solution to the Arab-Israeli con-flict; it is the responsibility of the

Moscow is still nursing its proposal for a preparatory meeting of the relinquish occupied territory there conomic ties with us and we have a relinquish occupied territory there main parties involved in the Middle East conflict - the PLO, Jordan Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Israel - to pave the way for a U.N.sponsored peace conference. "The peace is to be achieved."

our efforts in talks with (Israeli Deputy Prime Minister) Shimon Peres when he visits Moscow" in December, he added. Although Peres will not be visiting the Soviet Union as a guest of the government, "it is possible that high-level officials, including Shevardnadze, will hold talks with" the Israeli Labour Party leader, the ambassa-

He doubted whether Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev would meet with Peres, whose visit comes in response to an invitation from a

parties directly involved. We are here to help."

At the same time, he agreed

could not be any meaningful advance in peace efforts. Moscow hopes the Israeli government "will adopt a more realistic position," he said. However, be also expressed the opinion that the Israeli rightists' rejection of any return of occupied land was "a bargaining position... since they know that they will have to make concessions if durable

Conceding that chances for solid progress in peace efforts were dim as long as the present rightist-dominated coalition government remains in power in Israel, the ambassador said it was upto the Israeli electorate to choose their government and decide whether

they want peace. Peres has confirmed that he would go to the Soviet Union in December, the first visit there by an Israeli minister since Moscow severed diplomatie relations with

Moscow has gradually restored some of the links severed with Israel in 1967 exchanging consular delegations and raising media spe-culation that it was moving towards restoring formal ties. But, Zinchuk stressed that the fundamental Soviet stand that restoration of ties with Israel is contingent on a just and durable Middle East peace

Ziachuk said that economic relations would be high on the agenda for Peres, who is also finance

Peres has said that "they (Soviet Union) have a keen interest in

'It's not just a matter of interna tional prestige. We have nearly two-and-a-balf or three million Jews there," he added.

In line with the new policy of liberalisation in the Soviet Union under Gorbachev, about 200,000 Soviet Jews are expected to emigrate in the next two years. The United States, a hitherto ardent advocate of permission for Soviet Jews to emigrate, has announced that it would only take 18,000, leaving opn the possibility that the bulk of the 200,000 would end up in Israel and settle in the occupied West Bank at the expense of the

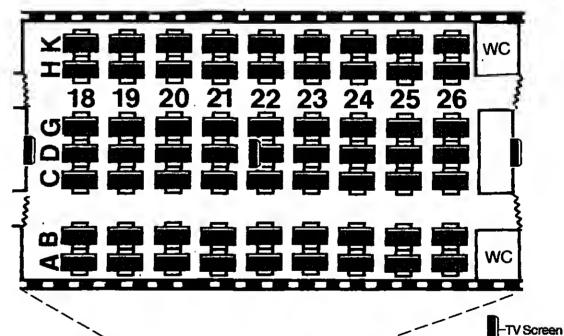
Palestinians living there.
Zinchuk said the Soviet authorities bad very limited control over the destination of Jews leaving their

According to Zinchuk, most Jews leave the Soviet Union for economic reasons and usually opt to settle in the United States or Western Europe. Only about 10 per cent of all Jews who left the Soviet Union in the past 20 years chose Israel as their new home and Israel is now

making a concerted effort to in-crease this percentage.
"We cannot control where these emigrants decide to settle," said Zinchuk. "Once they leave our responsibilities are over."

But, he added in an afterthought. "it is unlikely that any big number of Soviet Jews will head for Israel on their own accord. They will be seeking to go to the U.S., other North American countries and

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Israel plans \$2b project to settle Soviet Jews

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's Jewish Agency has said it would raise \$2 billion to settle a wave of Soviet Jewish immigrants, expected in Israel to total 180,800 in the next three years. Part of the money would be used by the semi-governmental agency to attract Soviet Jews to Israel by "conditioning their hearts

and minds" with Jewish educational programmes inside the Soviet Union, agency chairman Simha Dinitz said Thursday.

Most Soviet Jews who emigrate head for the United States or destinations other than Israel. About 10 per cent come to the Jewish

Changing policies towards Soviet jewry by the two superpowers have triggered expectations within Israel of a wave of 100,000 or rants in the next three years. Dinitz and other officials told reporters during a Jewish Agency

convention they had reached a two-part agreement with the Israeli The first section stipulated the government would cover \$1.5 billion of absorption costs. Jewish organisations abroad would raise

\$500 million. Dinitz told reporters. A second part was "to operate within the Soviet Union educational sufferal activities aimed at conditioning the hearts and minds of Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel," he said.

Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel," he said.

Israel's Housing Minister David Levy has proposed settling the Soviet immigrants in the occupied West Bank.

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U.S. still 'great Satan' decade after Tehran embassy seizure

NICOSIA (R) — Iran has boosted the volume of its anti-American rhetoric, proclaiming that the United States is still "the great Satan" and the Islamic Republic's enemy number one.

The huild up of vitriol against Washington will peak Saturday, the 10th anniversary of the seizure of the American embassy in Tehran hy radical students which led to 52 American diplomats and servicemen being held hostage

Hopes that the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and the elevation three months ago of Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as president would lead to a thaw in Tehran-Washington relations remain unfulfilled.

Washington has been billed as a terrorist state, a thug and a ruffian which lives hy the law of the jungle hy Iran in a concerted campaign to whip up renewed ann-American fervour.

Radicals plan to march on the U.S. emhassy huilding Saturday, named "the day of struggle against global arrogance," stage an anti-American rally.

Organisers say 160 American flags will be burned, 10 for each Kuwain Shi'ite Muslim executed by Saudi Arahia after bomh incidents in Islam's holy city of Mecca. Iran has accused the United States and Saudi Arabia of being behind the bombings.

Iran said it was opening the embassy for five days to display an exhibition on U.S. espionage and parade people accused of of a superpower for backing the

spying for Washington. "Nov. 4, 1979 marks the ascent to the summit of freedom, the shattering of the stateliness of the great Satan," the newspaper Ahrar said.

As Khomeini lay dying, commentators seized on any hint of a softening towards the West Rafsanjani as he steered a delicate political path through militant Islamic factions to win lead-

But when Rafsanjani summoned the world press to Tehran last week for a news conference there was cold comfort for the

All he could do was repeat that the United States should make the first gesture by releasing frozen Iranian assets Tehran estimates are worth about \$12 hil-

President Jimmy Carter froze them in 1979 shortly after the Tehran emhassy occupation. President Ronald Reagan renewed the executive seizure order annually for the next eight years. Next week President George Bush will probably do so

Washington has repeatedly refused to link the assets with freedom for eight Americans held hostage by pro-Iranian groups in Lehanon, seen as the key to better relations with Iran. Iran's Islamic leaders still pub-

licly gloat at the seizure of the embassy. They see it as just humiliation late Shah Mohammad Reza non for us to take the first step." Pahlavi whom they hold guilty of plundering Iran's wealth and leading the country away from Islam towards the perceived decadence of the Western camp.

The U.S. embassy, duhbed the "den of spies," was the scene of daily anti-American demonstrations by angry tranians during the occupation.

The United States watched helplessly. The American public seethed at the daily televised humiliation of the hostages. Diplomatic efforts proved useless.

Describing the publicity gains for the youthful Islamic Republic from the seizure fo the U.S. embassy, Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Wednesday: "Its main thrust was that the colossal empire of wealth, might and deception which pushed around nations and their leaders... was itself humili-

"The world was shown that the power of the hullies is not absote," he said.

But the wisdom of the move which isolated Iran from the West and led to the freezing of hadly needed capital - has been increasingly questioned in Iran.

Without a tangible concession from the United States, however. no Iranian leader can risk a bold move to repair des which might be hranded a hetrayal of Khomeim's legacy and the "death to America" trademark of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution. "It is virtually out of the quesan Iranian diplomat in the Middle East told Reuters. The Americans want to estab-

lish relations, but only within the framework of their arrogant spirit, and Iran will not accept this,"

Rafsanjani has said if Washing-

ton unfroze the assets then tran would use its good offices to try and free the American hostages held in Lebanon. But Washington's inflexibility

has exposed Rafsanjani to criticism from Iran's radical faction which feels secure enough to challenge his proposed deal. "Our fight against the United States is not over confiscated assets so that problems could be

leader of the Union of Islamic Students told the Kayhan news-"The struggle against America is eternal... Our fight ends when we have given up our Islamic

resolved once they are released," a

identity. The tranian voice of moderation can still be faintly heard above the current anti-American nproar, expressing hopes that President George Bush would prove more receptive to compromise than his predecessor Ronald Reagan.

"Is the new (American) administration, armed with the experience of the past 10 years, wise enough to cut down on rhetoric and work on substance?" the Iranian News Agency (IRNA)

> backed Islamic Legion in a 12hour hattle. tt accused Libya of violating an accord signed in Algiers in August in which the two countries agreed to settle conflicting claims to the Aouzou Strip. Lihya has occupied the mineral-rich strip of desert since 1973.

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NICOSIA (R) - Lihya denied

Chadian reports that it was in-

volved in fighting near the

Sudanese border Monday and

called on the Organsiation of

African Unity (OAU) to send a

fact-finding team to the frontier

A Libyan Foreign Ministry

statement carried by the official

news agency JANA, received in

Nicosia Friday, said Lihya "reaf-firms it has nothing to do with the

conflict among Chadians in those

Chad said Thursday its troops

killed 600 guerrillas and des-

troyed a hase used by the Libyan-

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The Chadian communique said: "This violation... demonstrates that despite the best efforts of our African and Arab hrothers, and Chad's ardent desire for peace. Libya's leaders have not renounced their original sin of going back on their word and reneging on agreements."

The communique said the bat-

tle capped "Numerous provocations by the Islamic Legion that have occurred since Oct. 16 and have been reported in the Libyan media.

Libya denied any relationship with what it called "the imaginary and unfounded so-called Islamic Legion" and said it would adhere to the Algiers peace accord "as long as the other side abides by it."

It called on the OAU to send a team to the battle area "to refute the reports of Libyan participa-



BAGHDAD (R) — U.N. envoy Ian Eliasson, on a mission to reactivate stalled Gulf peace talks, left for Tehran Friday after winding up discussions with Iraqi leaders. Talks aimed at establishing real peace between the Gulf foes have made little progress since a United Nations-hrokered ceasefire went into effect in August 1988. Eliasson said before his departure from Baghdad: "It is in the long-term interest of Iraq and Iran to hypass the unhealthy and incorrect state of no-war no-peace," the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

Palestinians to mark Balfour event

DAMASCUS (R) - A radical Palestinian guerrilla leader Thursday urged Palestinians to remember Britain's Balfour Declaration by stepping up military action against Israel. The Nov. 2, 1917 Balfour Declaration paved the way for the creation of Israel. Ahn Musa, leader of the Fateh Uprising group, said in a statement political means would not restore Palestinian rights.

Saudi Arabia executes 8

NICOSIA (R) — Saudi Arahia beheaded eight people, including two Pakistanis, Friday for rape, murder or drug-trafficking. The Saudi Press Agency, monitored in Cyprus, quoted an Interior Ministry statement as saying the Pakistanis, Mohammad Dustan Aslam Khan and Taj Ali Khan, were executed in Jeddah for smuggling heroin into the kingdom. The statement said six men were beheaded in other parts of the country after being convicted of murder or rape. It did not specify their nationality.

SLA frees nine detainees

MARJAYOUN (R) - An Israeli-hacked militia has released eight men and a woman it had detained for two years for attacks against it in South Lehanon, a spokesman said. He said the mine were released from Khiam prison camp inside Israel's selfdeclared security zone, set up by the Jewish state in 1978 to protect its northern border from guerrilla attacks. The South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia has barred the International Red Cross from the prison, where several hundred people are believed

Soviet aide meets Iranian ministers

NICOSIA (AP) - The Soviet Minister for Foreign Economic Relations, Konstantin Katushev, met with Iran's defence and foreign ministers, Tehran Radio has reported. Defence Minister Akhar Torkan told the Soviet visitor that "we have created an experienced, massive defence industry to back our full fighting forces," and stressed the need to continue bilateral cooperation, the radio said. The Iranians are in the process of merging their two separate defence forces.

Syria frees 171 Sunni fundamentalists

TRIPOLI. Lebanon (R) - Syria Thursday released 171 Lebanese: Muslim fundamentalists of the pro-Iraman Tawheed militia in this northern port city following mediation efforts by Tehran, security sources said. They said Sheikh Saeed Shaaban, head of the Sunni Muslim movement, escorted the released detainees from Syria to the Tripoli, the stronghold of the militia. Damascus took similarsteps during the past year by freeing several Tawheed militants following Iranian mediation efforts with Syria, Tehran's only Arab ally. Damascus detained bundreds of militants in 1986 when it clamped down at Tawheed's bases in the Syrian-controlled port

Tutu to pray in occupied Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - Archbishop Desmond Tutu of Sonth Africa is to make his first Christmas pilgrimage to occupied Jerusalem, church staff here bave said. An aide to Anglican Bishop Samir Kafiti said Tutu, a vocal anti-apartheid campaigner, would attend Christmas eve midnight mass in Arab East Jerusalem's Saint George's cathedral but was not expected to attend any political meetings. "It will be a short visit of prayer and pilgrimage." she said. Israeli leftists invited Tutu in 1986, but the trip was cancelled after South African media reported him as saying he would never come until the Palestinian flag flew over

Bashir challenges **SPLA** to accept peace ideas

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KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's military leader, who has vowed to crush southern rebels, has challenged them by adopting proposals which ignore their conditions for ending six years of civil war. General Omar Hassan Al

Bashir said in a statement that his junta had accepted a federal system of government proposed by a 44-day peace conference, which ended last month.

The rebel Sudan People's Liberal Army (SPLA) has rejected the conference, which was sponsored by the military leadership and in its war against Khartoum has demanded a system of confederation.

Bashir, who seized power in a June coup, said he would adopt the conference's proposals on a fair distribution of wealth and on development projects in the country, a reference to allocating more funds to the southern region. Sndan's most underdeveloped area. The proposals from the confer-

ence dodged the thorny issue of Islamic Sharia Law, at the beart of the conflict in the mainly animist and Christian south. It proposed that Sharia and

local customs provide the basis for legislation in Sudan.

The SPLA, fighting to end what it views as domination by the Arabised Muslim majority over the country, demands that Sharia Law be replaced by secu-Sharia was introduced by then

President Jaafar Numeiri but has largely not been enforced since he was overthrown in 1985. Bashir's announcement was

coupled with a mounting signs of renewed war between his government and the rebels. A state media campaign re-

flected a war mood triggered hy the fall at the weekend of the border town of Al Kurmuk into SPLA hands, the first major battlefield defeat for Bashir since he seized power.

State television has been broadcasting martial music and footage of jubilant army troops celebrating victory over the rebels in an unidentified battle earlier in the war. Bashir has vowed to retake the

town and crusb the SPLA.

Travellers who arrived in Khartoum Wednesday from the Blue Nile province reported heavy air traffic over the area by Sndanese transport aircraft and war planes.

There was no reaction in Khar-

toum to reports by foreign relief workers that jets Thesday bombed the SPLA-held town of Yirol. The workers said several people were killed or wounded. Radio SPLA said four civilians

were killed in the bombing raid it said was carried out by the Sudanese Air Force, six civilians

were wounded.
"Every warmongering madness... will be quickly met by a swift, iron-fisted retaliation that will cost the regime another garri-son town," the radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Cor-poration (BBC), said Thursday.

The travellers reaching the capital did not report any unusual military activity in the strategic town of Al Damazin further north of Al Kumruk. The rebels. have vowed to advance to Al-Damazin if Bashir tried to retake Al Kumruk.

Bashir dispatched his deputy, Brigadier Al Zubeit Mohammad Saleh, to Iraq Tuesday for a two-day visit.

Diplomats say Baghdad, which Bashir visited twice since he took power, has been among Khartoum's main arms suppliers for nearly two years. -

Mohtashemi denies power struggle in Iran

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran's former interior minister, the hardline Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, Friday denied reports of factional power struggles within the Islamic Republic's leadership, saying it was united behind its anti-American policies

In an interview with the Islamic News Agency (IRNA), Mobtashemi said that reports of a power struggle between radicals and pragmatists in Iran were "totally erroneous."

"Conservative or extremist in the Western sense of the words are just alien expressions to Islam. and when a common enemy is concerned a Muslim bas just one single outlook," he told IRNA in an interview monitored in end its isolation in the interna-

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Mohtashemi, a leading radical, was dropped from the government of the pragmatic President Hashemi Rafsanjani. In a press conference in Tehran

last week, Rafsanjam admitted that there was a "difference in thinking" among the Iranian leadership. Rafsanjani, elected last July,

dropped many of the leading radicals from his government in favour of better qualified, often While the radicals eschew any

Western-educated technocrats. relations with the West - especially the United States — the pragmatists are believed to want to improve Iran's radical image, and

tional community to help get economic assistance.

Mobtashemi will be addressing the celebrations at the "U.S. spy den," IRNA said, referring to the former embassy compound.

But while the radicals have been trying to whip up ann-American sentiment to block any efforts by Rafsanjani to thaw Tehran's frosty relations, Rafsanjani bas not said a word in public about Saturday's anniversary.

Rafsanjani tried to play down the anniversary of the U.S. embassy takeover at his press conference. He did not show much enthusiasm for the occasion, and said that "usually we do celebrate such events, but it all depends on the spirits of the people.

Iranians interviewed on the streets of Tehran have also shied

away from talking about the cere-Mohtashemi, patron of the

pro-Iranian Shi'ite Muslim

Lebanese groups holding 16 Western hostages, went to Lebanon last month, soon after Rafsanjani said the hostages could be freed if the United States released billions of dollars of Iranian assets frozen by Washington following the embassy takeover. Washington has set the release

Iran's former chief justice. Musavi Ardebili, another reputed hardliner, said in a sermon Friday that "the takeover of the embassy bumiliated the United States in the eyes of the world, and we

of the hostages as a precondition for ties with Tehran. Although the reason for

Mohtashemi's hurried trip is not known, be said in the interview that be went to Lebanon to "assure Lebanese Muslims and all revolutionary brethren that there bas been no change in our policies after the passing away of

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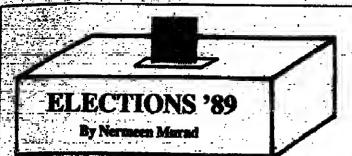
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T CANDEDATE who held a prominent government post and new require for a seat in Madaha is calling for corruption clean-up, and sing to relay people's demands if he wiss a seat in the Lower when journalists asked him why he did not make these dis while he was in government, he said: "Only deputies can make such demands because deputies were voted by the people and they cannot be fired. If you are a minister and speak out, the next can tell you to go home and fire you." At least the man

ONE QUESTION being asked by women voters is why does Jordan Television only interview the women who believe that they had been given their full rights in Jordan. The JTV reporter covering the elections choose women who are content with their situation and us choose women who are content with their situation, and one hears comments like: "Those candidates who say they will support women's rights make it sound as if the women have no rights. Isn't it enough that we can vote?" At least half of the women would say otherwise, so why aren't those interviewed by JTV?,

CANDIDATES participating in a public debate held at the Professional Association Complex Thursday announced that they had all signed a letter to the prime minister in which they requested the release of all political prisoners. The public chapped loudly when they heard the aunouncement, but when they were asked to sign the letter along with the candidaes, the enthusiasm fizzled out.

A CANDIDATE who called for "improving the status of merchants by decreasing customs duties on imports," was met with anger from a very poor but very aware voter who maintained that "the economic situation in the Kingdom calls on us to increase customs. If anything, and not to decrease them at a time when the public should aliane responsibility in paying the national debt."

WHAT'S GOING ON EXHIBITIONS

- * An art exhibition by Fund Mimi and 'Ammar Khammash at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation's Scientific and Cultural
- 🖈 An art exhibition by Jordanian actist Mohammad Al Qaddoumi displaying oil and watercolour pointings depicting nature in Jordan, at the Housing Bank Gallery.
- ★ Islamic calligraphy exhibition at Jordan National Gallery. * A fine art exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- An art exhibition by Jordanian Artists Janual Ashour, Hazem Al Zu'bi, Ghada Dahdala and Mohammad Al Jalous at Petra Bank Art Gallery.

* A German video for children (pre-school age) entitled "Pusteblame" at the Goethe Institute - 4:00 p.m.

Pilot in Ghor crash recovering in hospital

AMMAN (J.T.) — Royal Jorda-man Air Force pilot Abdullah tions and was also receiving treat-Mohammad Mifleh, who surment at the centre Friday. vived a helicopter crash Thursday The two injurd men were vi-Centre in Amman.

According to specialists and south of Amman. medical assistants, his chances for A military spokesman said that survival are good.

was rushed there following the failure. crash in the southern Jordan val-

is receiving treatment for severe sited by His Majesty King Husburns at the Al Hussein Medical sein, who had earlier inspected the crash site, 180 kilometres

the eight offices were killed in-Mifleh, who is being treated at stantly when their belicopter the anti-burns unit at the centre, crashed as a result of a technical

The victims were: Brigadier ley region that caused the death Saoud Karahshe, Colonel Abdulof eight army officers, who were lah Matarneh, Lieutenant Colon a routine mission near Ghor onel Mohammad Abbadi, Major Ahmad Shamaileh, Lieutenant One member of the rescue Adnan Ouran, Lieutenant Ibrateams sent to the scene of the him Matalqa, Non-Commisaccident, south of the Dead Sea, sioned Officer Abdullab

King Hussein later sent a cable to Army Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb expressing deep sadness and sympathy over the loss of the army officers.

"We are deeply pained and distressed over the death of brave men who had dedicated their lives and their efforts to serving Jordan and the Arab Nation. King Hussein said in his cable to Abu Taleb.

King Hussein paid tribute to the Jordanian Armed Forces, which he said, "continue to guard the longest confrontation line, providing a shield to defend the Arab nation and who provide the means for Jordan's steadfastness in the face of external danger."

His Majesty King Hussein visits pilot who was injured in a helicopter crash Thursday (Petra

The King, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal and Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Friday called at Al Harahsheh family in offer condolences on the death of Brigadier Harah-

Later King Hussein and Sharif Zeid called at King Hussein Medical Centre, where they visited the military pilot who survived the plane crash, and a Telecom-munication Corporation employee, who sustained an injury in course of his duties.

Crown Prince Hassan, Abu Taleh and senior army nfficers offered condolences to Al Harabsheh family over the death of the

Jordan, Egypt sign grid deal

Egypt have concluded a formal agreement to link national grids as a preliminary step for possible more extensive linkage of power networks within the Arah World.

Minister of Energy and Miner-al Resources Hisham Al Khatib and Egyptian Minister of Elec-tricity Maher Abaza signed the deal Thursday along with Mr. Abdul Latif Al Hamad, chairman Arah Fund for Economic and

which will finance the project. The first phase of the project is expected to start in 1990 and the whole project will take at least four years to be completed, according to Jordanian and Egyptian officials and technicians.

Jordan and Egypt announced last June they had reached agreement with the AFESD to finance the project with an initial \$170 million lean. A feasibility study on the project was successfully completed and Thursday's agreement paved the way for the project, according to officials.

They said that the AFESD Abdul Latif Al Hamad, chairman would supply Jordan with a 10.5 of the board of directors of the million Kuwaiti dinar loan to cover the entire cost of the Jorda-Social Development (AFESD), nian side of the project, which entails laying overland aod undersea cables linking the thermal power station in Aqaba and the Egyptian station in Suez. The Egyptian side will receive an AFESD loan totalling 34.1 mil-

cost oo the Egyptian side, the official added.

The project entails laying a total of 300 kilometres of cables of 500-kilovoit capacity, according to Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) sources.

They said that the project was endorsed by Arab states in the region which expressed desire to link their grids with the new network at a later stage.

According to Ahaza, such a pao-Arab network could be established within seveo years. Both Abaza and Khatib were

received by Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sidki Thursday to hear details of the project and review future plans in energy lion Kuwaiti dinar to cover the between Egypt and Jordan.

Plan to boost vocational training

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education has adopted a new plan to promote vocational training in the Kingdom and to attract additional numbers of trainees to different trades, Minister of Education Adnan Badran said Thursday at a meeting at Al Nuzha Gitls Vocational School in

The plan entails opening new courses and offering chances for higher studies at various universi-

ties, the minister explained at the meeting, which was attended by vocational education supervisors and directors of industrial schools in the country.

Buildings are now being built for vocational training centres to be operated by the Ministry of Education in implementation of resolutions and recommendations taken by the 1987 National Education Conference, Badran

The instructors at the vocational schools, Badran said, will also be given assistance to continue their higher education and arrangements will be made with Jordanian Universities to give them higher training courses in their different fields.

Badran said that the ministry was going ahead with plans to plant trees around all schools in

Printing press established for orphans

AMMAN (Petra) - A complex comprising a printing press, warehouses and workshops for training orphans was inaugurated at Ruseifa Thursday at a ceremony attended by Minister of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Abdol Aziz Al Khayyat and Amman Mayor Ali Subeimat

Subeimat and Khayyat toured parts of the JD 300,000 project.

Suheimat said in a statement later that the printing press would be used mainly to print the ministry's books and publications, incloding the Koran, and the workshop would be used for training Muslim orphans with a view to giving them employment at the complex. Furthermore the printing press will operate on purely commercial hasis at very reasonable rates, Suheimat added. He said that the complex will later include a centre for training orphans in different trades.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

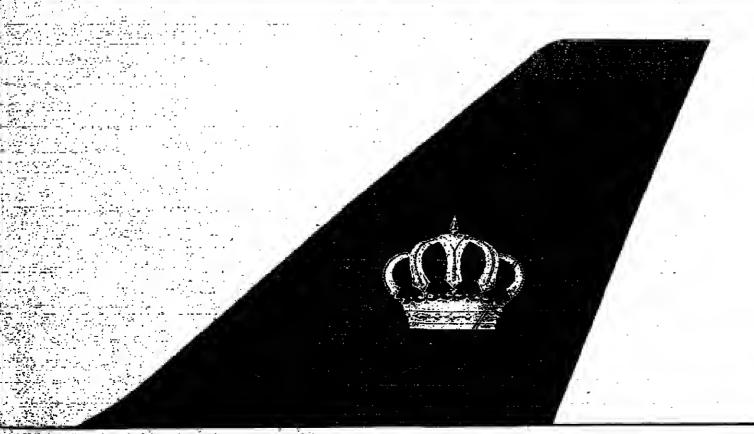
KING CABLES FAHD: His Majesty King Hussein bas sent a cable of condolences to King Fahd Beo Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia on the assassination of a Saudi diplomat in Beirut Wednesday. "We are deeply pained over the death of the diplomat, Mohammad Marzouki, and wish to convey to Your Majesty, the Saudi people and the bereaved family our deepest sorrow," the King said in his cable. King Hussein condemned the attack "as a criminal action committed against innocent people by evil elements and designed to cause harm to Islam and the Muslim people. The crime, which was committed in the name of Islam. would only serve to encourage Saudi Arabia to donlie its efforts towards serving the Arab nation." Cables of condolences were also sent by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Beo Shaker to Saudi leaders expressing grief over the death of the late diplomat and condemning the crime.

KING CONDOLES QABOOS: His Majesty King Hussein Thursday sent a cable to Sultan Qaboos of Oman, condoling him over the death of his uncle, the late Majid Bin Taymour, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan also seot a similar cable to Sultan

CONSUMER PROTECTION SOCIETY: Deputy Prime Minis ter and Interior Minister Salem Masaadeb Thursday endorsed the registration of the National Society for the Protection of Consumers. The society aims at studying consumer problems and finding solutions for them in cooperation with the parties concerned. The society also aims to promote consumer awareness oo how to deal with commodities and consumer items so as to safeguard citizens' interests and protect the national economy (Petra).

ACC WOMEN INTEGRATION: Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) Director Inaam Al Mufti Thursday discussed in Baghdad with Iraqi Women Federation Chairwoman Manal Yonnis means of developing joint projects and integrating womeo in development within the framework of cooperation among the four-member Arab Cooperatioo Conncil (ACC) comprising Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and North Yemen (Petra).





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Changing times

THE NINETIES are projected to be the era when the Warsaw Pact and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) alliances will dissolve under the influence of a rapid wave of reformation and democratisation that is sweeping through Eastern Europe. In fact the Kremlin has recently said so in so many words when it signalled consent to any decision by Hungary to leave the Warsaw Pact and offered to officially tear down the pact in return for the dissolution of NATO. Such a proclamation from Moscow in reference to Hungary, which has recently undergone profound political change that culminated in transforming its character from a Communist nation belonging to the Warsaw Pact to a Western-style democracy, is a clear indication of Moscow's willingness to end military alliances and blocs.

Some observers even contemplate the unthinkable by projecting the unification of the two Germanys before the end of the twentieth century. The mammoth demonstrations building np in East Germany in support of rapid transformation in the political structure of the country, along the lines of the Hungarian and Polish experiments, have led many to forecast that this unification between the two countries is now more probable than ever.

It seems that the swiftness of the changes in Eastern Europe has taken the West, especially Washington, by surprise and that the West does not seem to be able to respond to them in kind. It also appears that the U.S. needs time to digest the rapid development of events in Eastern Europe as they were never thought possible to occur in such a short time. This could explain Washington's reluctance to accept the Kremlin offer to dissolve the Warsaw Pact in return for the dismantling of NATO. Still it would be naive to ever think that NATO as a military alliance will survive much longer at a time when its raison d'etre is fast disappearing.

In the final analysis, the international scene will witness an entirely new ball game, where much, if not all, of the previous hypotheses and postulations will be buried until very good news to homo sapiens who have suffered long enough under the strain of power blocs competing for military and political superiority. The period of relaxations in the world could usher in a new era of competition of a different kind most likely in the intellectual, economic and technological spheres. As the peoples and governments of the Arab World enter the threshold of this new period in human history, they would need to accentuate their tools as well in order to assist in shaping the course of the next century. To be sure, extremism must be rooted out from the midst of the Arab Nation lest the Arabs retreat to darker ages and lose the race for survival of the fittest. This is the biggest challenge that the Arab countries will have to encounter and address in the course of the next two decades. If they fail the challenges of the new era, they will once again betray their spectacular history which was marked by centuries of golden achievements.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

AS the election day draws near, local Jordanian Arabic dailies intensify their discussion of the coming stage in their editorials and opinion columns alike.

Al Ra'i daily on Friday said that the election campaign is now reaching a climax as we enter the last week before the Nov. 8 election. It is quite natural to see the candidates and their supporters exerting their utmost efforts to win the votes of the electorate and to manifest themselves as the true representatives of the Jordanian people, the paper said. The paper underlined the importance of maintaining national unity and transcending all side differences while the campaign is continuing and while the voters make ready to elect their favourite candidates. Jordan, the paper said, has been a model for unity within the Arab World and has succeeded in maintaining its security and stability because of the awareness of its people and their sincere efforts and dedication. Therefore, said the paper, one can only hope that such awareness and sincere efforts will help bring a happy end to the campaign and bring conscientious deputies to the legislative council.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily strongly attacks the perpetrators of the assassination of Saudi diplomat Mohammad Marzouki and condemns it as a criminal action directed against the whole Arab Nation. Mahmoud Rimawi says that the crime committed in Beirut comes at a time when the Arah League mediation committee is striving to bring peace to the embattled country and when the various political leaders have come to an agreement on future steps to bring about stability and security to Beirut and the rest of the country. Rimawi says that the assassination was directed not only against Saudi Arabia but also against the Arah League and Arah states; and was perpetrated by evil elements wishing to aggravate and inflame the situation. But the wri says, that these evil plots were thwarted thanks to the awaren of the various leaders, and with support from the world community which has just announced its full backing for the committee; endeavours and its support for the Arab League's plans to end the civil war in Lebanon.

Al Dustour Friday said that the past month witnessed a heated election campaign, and the coming days are expected to see feverish attempts by the candidates to win support from the voters. The paper said that the government has helped the campaign by providing all facilities for the candidates, and, by allowing them to express their views openly in implementation of His Majesty King Hussein's directives. The election campaign and the freedom of expression have added further colour to the event but also projected the country's freedom and democracy in every respect, said the paper. It said that it remains to be seen if the voters can rise to the occasion and elect persons truly dedicated to serve their people and nation.

'Strategic arms treaty is in sight'

By Patrick Worsnip Renter

LONDON - Beside the blue waters of Lake Geneva, U.S. and Soviet negotiators are entering what they believe is the last lap on their way to the most farreaching arms control agreement

of all time.
Hundreds of obstacles still litter the road to a Strategic Arms (START) Treaty designed to halve the superpowers' arsenals of long-range nuclear missiles and bombers within seven years.

But both sides now seem confident of success in what one U.S. official called "the longest, most complicated diplomatic agreement ever negotiated." "An agreement is in sight, this

is the last phase of the negotiating process," said a Western official familiar with the talks. The way has been opened "to the conclu-sion of the START treaty," agrees a Soviet diplomat.

No one expects the treaty to be ready when U.S. President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev meet aboard warships in the Mediterranean on Dec. 2-3.

Before this week's announcement of that meeting, diplomats had also been tactfully playing down suggestions by Bush that the pact could be completed for a previously announced summit scheduled for next spring or summer in the United States.

But, despite statements by both Washington and Moscow that no concrete decisions will come from the December summit, negotiators are bound to

look to it to give another big push tn the talks by clearing away political obstacles

The START talks, successor to the earlier SALT agreements which sought to limit but not reduce the superpowers' nuclear arsenals, hegan seven years ago.

But they have only made serious headway since the 1986 Reykjavík summit, which set ceilings for each side of 6,000 nuclear rheads aboard a maximum 1,600 strategic launchers. A launcher can be a ground- or sub-marine-based missile or a longrange bomber.

That would still be enough to destroy the world many times over, but even so, a huge amount of nuclear weaponry would have to be scrapped. Independent experts say that, under START counting rules, the United States currently has nearly 10,000 and the Soviet Union almost 11,000 strategic warheads.

A rush to complete the START treaty before the U.S. adminis-tration of Ronald Reagan ended last January ran out of steam, largely because the two sides, who signed a treaty in 1987 to ban medium-range missiles, lost the political will.

That will has now been re-kindled, with both Bush and Gorbachev anxious for foreign policy

Several breakthroughs occurred when U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met in the American state of Wyoming in September.

The Soviet Union dropped its

refusal to sign a START treaty unless there was agreement on measures to curh the U.S. Star Wars programme for anti-missile

This had been perhaps the big-est obstacle. The superpowers had been trying to agree a date when they might withdraw from their 1972 anti-ballistic missile (ABM) treaty, which bans de-ployment of Star Wars devices, but had made little headway.

The United States, for its part, agreed at Wyoming to lift its opposition to mobile groundlaunched missiles, which Moscow has deployed, provided Congress adequately funded the two varieties which Washington is developing.

As a result of these advances, the two sides now report a reinvigorated atmosphere at Geneva.

Moscow's admission last week that the controversial radar station being built at Krasnoyarsk would violate the ABM treaty, as the Americans had long argued, was seen as further evidence of a conciliatory spirit. The radar will now be dismantled.

Nevertheless, the 300-page draft treaty text that the two sides are working on still contains hundreds of bracketed passages, in-dicating areas of disagreement, according to sources close to the negotiations

The most important remaining obstacles concern cruise missiles, slow-flying Drones that can be fired from ships or aircraft. The Soviet Union has proposed

a limit of 400 nuclear and 600

conventional sea-launched cruise missiles (SLCMs). The United States, which is ahead in the technology, merely says each side should declare how many it plans

to deploy.

At Wyoming, the Soviets said a SLCM agreement need not be part of the START treaty text. Since they are still insisting on resolving the issue before signing START, the import of this concession is not clear, but some Western officials hope they may be starting to move towards the .S. position.

Air-launched cruise missiles are also causing problems. How many should one assume a bomber is carrying? Ten, say the Americans. As many as the bomber can hold, say the Soviets.
If these hurdles can be over-

come, the negotiators still face a daunting task trying to devise a system of monitoring compliance with the agreement that will satisfy critics, especially in the U.S. Senate which must ratify the accord.

The superpowers have some experience of "verification" techniques as a result of their medium-range missile pact, but START verifiction will be far more complex, involving possibly thousands of inspectors and costing many millions of dollars.

A team of American scientists

is expected in Geneva in the next few weeks to demonstrate to the Soviets a scheme for tagging missiles, so that each rocket would carry a unique signature and no illegal ones could be hidden

YOUR MOVE, AVIH MR. BUSH.

Superpower summit expected to focus on East bloc changes

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON - Although there is to be no fixed agenda for the U.S.-Soviet summit in December, President Bush will put high priority on discussing with Mikhail Gorbachev the revolutionary changes under way in the Communist bloc.

Their surprise decision to hold the summit, announced on Tuesday, should help appease critics who have faulted Bush for reacting too cantiously to political and economic liberalism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

"Political developments in Europe are really eclipsing the importance of arms control," said analyst Barry Blechman of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

"It's not a bad idea for Bush to discuss informally with Gorbachev what's going on there and come to an understanding of each other's intentions and perceptions," he told Reuters.

At a news conference, Bush downplayed expectations for specific advances in arms control, the usual focus when U.S. and Soviet leaders meet.

Ironically, he thus raised expectations that a full-scale summit with Gorbachev set for mid-1990 would reach arms control agreements, private foreign policy analysts said.

That later summit - which Bush said would contrast with the informal "non-summit summit" aboard U.S. and Soviet naval vessels in the Mediterranean dominated by arms control, Bush told reporters.

He asserted his intention to explore with Gorbachev at their December meeting the American and Soviet economies and the fast-moving changes taking place in the East bloc.

"I want to do whatever the U.S. can do to facilitate these kinds of changes" and to understand from Gorbachev first-hand "as clearly as possible, his aspirations for perestroika (economie

restructuring)," Bush said. He and Secretary of State James Baker have made it clear they do not intend to exploit the movement toward freedom in the East at the expense of Soviet security and Bush is expected to re-stress this point with Gorbachev persorie

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The potentially explosive situa-tion in East Germany, which could lead to use of force against demonstrators, is especially. worth discussing with Gorbachev. said Helmnt Sonnenfeldt of the Brookings Institution.

None of the experts interviewed by Reuters expect Bush and Gorbachev would go so far as to actually reach some agreement on the future of Europe like that at Yaita after World War II. Regional conflicts in the Mid-

die East. Central America, Afghanistan, Cambodia and Angola, where the superpowers have been cooperating but so far failed to secure peace, will also be discussed, Bush said. The December summit, the

first since Bush became president last January, is likely to provide a political boost for both leaders, a point Bush acknowledged and said he would welcome.

Gorbachev, who took office in 1985, remain under siege at homefor reforms that so far have not met consumer needs and have allowed unrest to surface in places like the Baltic republics.:

Bush, meanwhile, has been under attack from opposition Democrats for not enthusiastically embracing democratic trends in the Communist bloc and for not Dec. 2 and 3 — "will drive the doing enough to encourage them, arms control agenda (and) will be especially in Poland and Hun-

The announcement of a December summit was unexpected. U.S. and Soviet foreign ministers. declared at the conclusion of talks in Wyoming last month that Bush and Gorbachev would meet in .. late spring or early summer, pre-sumably in the United States.

Although U.S. officials had' quashed speculation about a presummit, Bush said on. Tuesday he proposed the December meeting last

By Guy Dinmore

PEKING - While U.S. President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev plan their first summit in the Mediterranean sun next month, diplomats see China's new bardline leaders increasingly left out in the cold.

Just hours before Washington and Moscow announced on Tuesday their surprise summit, China launched a barsh attack on the United States, harangued France for supporting dissidents and ex-pelled two Hong Kong citizens from a law-drafting body.

Diplomats said while the developments were clearly not connected, they reflected China's increasingly isolationist stance.

"There is definitely a worldwide current which is turning away from China," a senior diplomat said. They have lost their magnet-

ism of being a challenging and most interesting development in the world. The magic has gone," Western diplomats said it was

too early to tell whether there

By Choi Kyo

SEOUL - "It's no fun being here defending people who hate you." says private first class Jeffrey Murdock.

"The days just go by too slow," said the 19-year-old American

soldier from Ohio who arrived in

South Korea six months ago.
"I stopped turning the calendar

Murdock is not alone in his

loneliness or anger. There are 43,000 U.S. soldiers in South

Korea and President George

Bush said this month that Amer-

ican troops would stay as long as

South Korea's only English television channel, operated by

the U.S. military, provides frank

aformation on coping with de-pression, alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, and alienation.

Troops sometimes seek com-

fort in Itaewon, a brash and

crowded Seoul hazaar where hun-

dreds of shops sell fake brand-

name goods by day and hundreds

of prostitutes work by night on "hooker hill," a squalid alley of

The American serviceman is

entangled in a complex political

and economic web as South

Korea sheds its obsession with

security concerns and increasing-

ly questions the role of its

staunchest ally over trade and

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policy rather than individual peo-

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that didn't exist before," he said.

dents yelling "Yankee go home" have attacked U.S. military in-

stallations and one family housing

area with petrol bombs. No one

Since 1988 small bands of stu-

States Forces Korea (USFK).

"American soldiers have be-

said Bill Fullerton, chief of

What concerns me is that there is a willingness now to bart

bars and brothels.

reunification issues.

Seoul wanted them to.

in May.

had been a strategic shift in the delicate triangular relationship between China, the Soviet Union and the United States.

Since soldiers and tanks crushed pro-democracy demonstrations in Peking in June, China's leaders have tried to pin some of the blame on what they call Western subversion. The new official catchphrase is

peaceful evolution" - meaning Western attempts to subvert Communism through ideas and influence rather than force. Senior leader Deng Xiaoping, at 85 still apparently in control of foreign policy, accused the Un-

ited States on Tnesday of being

"too deeply involved" in the nn-Like most Western countries, the United States responded to the June crackdown by suspending high-level contacts, military

cooperation and official loans. There is a large group in the leadership which is strongly anti-American. There is a great fear that out of the U.S. there is a very strong movement which undermines Socialism," the senior di-

plomat commented. Former U.S. President Richard

"I feel nervous at times walking alone in the streets. Some

people look like they want to hit

you in the back with a bat," said

David Fernandez, 21, a private from New York City now serving on a hase south of Seoul.

"It seems many Koreans, especially the younger ones, are using

It's a far cry from the reassuring

image U.S. servicemen used to

enjoy - heroes throwing candy

from jeeps to clusters of cheering

the 1950-53 Korean war, when

the south was devastated by its

fratricidal struggle with the Com-

The U.S.-led United Nations

command had rushed in combat

legions from 16 nations to help

South Korea drive back the

Chinese-backed northern in-

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and economic web as South

Korea sheds its obsession with

security concerns and increasing-ly questions the role of its

staunchest ally over trade and reunification issues.

South Korea rose from the

ashes and boasts one of the

world's fastest growing econo-

mies. It is currently the 10th

largest trading nation.

Washington says it helped lay

the foundations for this success

by buying a major chunk of

Seoul's exports while selling less.

Now it is trying to pry open

Seoul's markets by threatening

trade sanctions, a move seen by

the liberators or the saviours but

as American foreigners," Fuller-

"We are no longer regarded as

"Koreans now say - 'what are

many here as insensitive.

That was in the harsh days after

U.S. troops resent S. Korean hostility

has been seriously hurt.

us as a scapegoat."

South Korean children.

munist north.

Nixon, on a private visit to China, told reporters after meeting Deng that Sino-America relations were facing their worst situation since

But China has fared little bet-

Hungary and Poland are in the process of casting off more than 40 years of Communism, resulting in a distinct cooling of relations with China. In the developing world, Gre-

ter with its Communist friends.

nada, Liberia and Belize have in quiek succession switched diplomatic recognition to China's nationalist rival Taiwan, Inred by attractive loans. Diplomats said a more isola-

tionist China need not mean serious repercussions in the region, except possibly for Hong Kong, where China has accused Britain of allowing its colony to be used as a base for anti-Communist subversion. Peking was continuing talks

with Indonesia on establishing diplomatic relations and contacts with India were also going on. A fourth round of talks with

the Soviet Union on their disputed border made some progress this week, according to a

you going to do for us today and tomorrow?' not 'What did you do

In recent months the issue of

U.S. troop reduction or with-

drawal has come to the forefront

of serious public debate both in

Congress to slash defence costs,

the Bush administration bas repe-

atedly told South Korea there will

be no troop pull-out unless Seoul

wants it - and so far there has

main base will be moved outside

metropolitan Seoul some time in

the next decade. City authorities

say they will convert the area into

Koreans feel the departure of

U.S. troops now could reopen the

deep wounds left by the civil war

because of the fear that the north

claim the wounds are only fester-

ing because of the troops' pre-

It is a highly-charged issue for the young servicemen here.

brought up on tales of American

thousands have died to save this

piece of land and how many

others have served here?" said an

angry sergeant from Florida who has been here for 11 months.

nationalists who see the U.S.

troop presence as a blight,

crushing any hope of reunifica-

tion. Pyongyang has said that

unity can only come if the Amer-

"If we pull out South Korca is dust," said the sergeant, who

asked not to be named. "If we're

not wanted though, why should

"I'm a patriot," he said earnestly. "I'd die for my coun-

try. But I'd rather let others die

icans pull out.

we stay?

They cannor understand the

"How many hundreds of

sacrifices in the Korean war.

Radical students and dissidents

Polls show that most South

While the troops will stay, their

Although under pressure from

Washington and Seoul.

been no sign of that.

a public park.

will invade again.

for us yesterday'."

Chinese statement, which also noted the significance for the negotiations of last May's Sino-Soviet summit, the first in 30

But at home China's 1.1 billion people are starting to feel the brunt of the new policy.

Foreign values and material

goods are under attack. Passports to leave the country are more difficult to obtain. Friendships with foreigners, especially journalists and diplomats, are under closer scrutiny. On Tuesday, the official eco-

Chinese who wasted scarce foreign exchange on things like Pepsi Cola, Coca Cola, Sprite, Amer-"It's a cheap way of playing to the nationalist sentiment of the

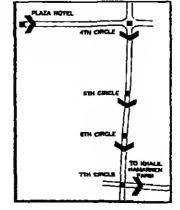
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Chinese people... but the leadership is finding it very difficult to control people's thoughts now," the senior diplomat commented, "Isolation means modernisation and development will slow

down seriously but the leaders can live with that. Too much speed creates tensions they can't



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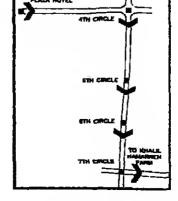
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Les tammes candidates

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Laur la première fois de leur histoire, les femmes jordamennes voteront mercredi aux élections générales. Résistant aux pressions de toutes sortes, douze

titre: comme électrices ais sussi comme candidates aux premières élections générales depuis 1967. Représentant plus de la moitié des 876:693 électeurs, qui, carte en poche, participeront au scruin du 8 xe, elles jouerout un rôle inportant amon majeur dans la con-figuration du dixième Parlement du

pays. -Les 639 candidats hommes l'out bien senti, qui dans leur écrasante majorité o ont pas manqué de glisser dans leur programme le "droit des femines" à participer activement à la vie publique jordanienne. Appelant leuis "mères, soeurs et filles" à remplis jour "devoir de citoyennes", la phipart affirment ne faire aucune defférence entre électrices et élecns. Cest un symbole de mod-nisme", lache Abdallah Amer Abou Amer, 47 ans, candidat dans la ription d'Amman. Certains rout même plus loin: "Le 8 novembre, je voterai pour une femme", promet Fiyad Fawzi Djerrar, prétendant à l'un des six sièges de popés de Zarga.

Car pour la première fois dans re jordanienne, douze mères ille ou célibataire ont endossé l'imbit de candidates. Donze femmes, dont deux avocates, une dentiste, une jonnaliste, un écrivain et l'unique conductrice de taxi du royaume. Sept d'entre elles se présentant dans trois circonscriptions d'Amman. "Il faut saisir l'occasion de faire entendre la voix de la femme, d'autant plus que ce droit înt est reconnu par la Con-stitution", souligne la poétesse Aicha al-Razem, en campagne dans la pre-miere circonscription de la capitale. Les femmes représentent cependant à prine 2% des candidatures. ence de vie parlementaire depuis 22 ans et les ambitions des hommes, qui trouvent l'occasion de

Entre homme et femme en Jordanie

Quinze ans après avoir obtenu le se manifester, laissent peu de place droit de vote, les femmes entrent aux femmes, estime Janet Moufti, des la vie politique du royaume. A ex-membre du Conseil national consultatif et candidate au siège circassien de la troisième circonscription d'Amman. Sans oublier les probièmes d'argent: peu de femmes peuvent faire campagne sans que leur mari ne les financent."

"Manque de confiance et dépendance jouent contre nous, poursuit la demiste Houda Fakhouri, candidate à Salt, qui reconnait que son travail hi a facilité la tache. "Pour se présenter, il faut une forte personnalité, être-bien informée. Les hommes devraient d'ailleurs posséder les mêmes qualités. Mais il leur suffit d'être soutenus par la famille ou la tribu pour se présenter aux élections."

Des revendications précises

L'entrée des femmes dans la course à la députation, même discrete, voit s'exprimer des revendications bien précises. L'égalité avec les hommes au regard de la loi civile ou pénale; le droit au travail; au divorce ... figurent parmi les têtes de chapitre des prog-

mes des candidates Certaines institutions, notamment les banques et les écoles, ficencient leurs jeunes employées des qu'elles se marient", explique Alcha al-Razem, seion laquelle ces comportements "ne cadrent plus avec l'esprit de notre époque". Même son de cloche chez Honda Fakhouri, qui considère "intolérable aojourd'hm qu'une femme salariée ne puisse faire profiter sa famille de la sécurité sociale et qu'aucune femme majeure o'ait droit à son propre passeport sans en quemander l'autorisation au père ou au mari".

Aucune d'entre elles cependant ne vent s'entendre coller l'étiquette de "féministe". "Je ne me présente pas en tant que telle, mais je sais prod'entre elles ont même choisi de figurer parmi les 651 candidats toujours en lice.

pour la simple et bonne raison que j'en suis une", affirme lanet al-Mour-fi. Si toutes promettent de lutter autant pour l'éducation, les libertés individuelles et contre la pauvreté, rares sont celles qui ne voit pas dans leur élection à la Chambre des dépu-tés l'occasion d'offrir enfin une tri-

bane aux femmes jordaniennes. C'est d'ailleurs ce que craignent les candidats les plus conservateurs, au premier rang desquels figurent les Frères musulmans et certains islamistes. Evoquant enx aussi les droits" de la semme dans leurs campagnes, ils les estiment cependant hmités au cadre du foyer. "Elles ont les mêmes droits que nous, clame Ali Hawamdeh, candidat des Frères dans la deuxième circonscription d'Amman. Elles peuvent notamment travailler, mais à condition qu'elles ne le fassent pas au détriment de leurs devoirs de mères et d'épouses."

"L'affaire" Toujane Fayçal

S'il u'était pas rare, des le début de la campagne, d'entendre des élec-teurs considérer que "la voix d'une femme devrait compter pour moitié de celle d'un homme" et que "sa vraie place est au foyer", la gêne de certains à l'égard de la présence de candidates aux Législatives a pris une tournure plus dramatique avec "l'af-

taire" Tonjane Fayçal. Journaliste, ex-productrice de magazine sociaux à la JTV et candidate circassienne dans la troisième circonscription d'Amman, elle se retrouve depuis samedi accusée d'apos-tasie par deux fondamentalistes, dont le mufti en second des forces années. Cheikh Abdel Rahman Ali al-Kurdi lni reproche d'avoir émis des idées 'contraires aux lois coraniques' d'être coupable de "sacrilège." Motif: un article, parmi tant d'autres, publié par l'intéressée le 21 septembre dans le "Rai" sur les droits

de la femme. Musulmane convaincue, Toujanc Faycal y défendait, Coran à 'appui, la reconnaiss entre les deux sexes. "Comme le font aujourd'hui dans leurs meetings beaucoup de candidats", remarque-t-

Même si la cour islamique (dont l'abilitation à statuer sur ce cas sans précédent ne semble pas évidente) a décidé de reporter sa décision au lendemain du scrutin, les menaces de mort proférées contre "l'accusée" ont mis la Jordanie en émoi. "Ils veulent mon divorce, mon incarcération et l'impunité garantie à quiconque aurait ma peau on celle d'un membre de ma famille", explique-t-elle horrifée. L'énormité des propos des "plaig-nants" a conduit près de 500 intellec-

tuels, avocats, médecins, ainsi qu'un ancien ministre à remettre directement une pétition au roi mercredi. dénonçant "l'intimidation psychologique" et "la menace sur le processus démocratique" que constitue cette affaire. Quelques candidats ont pour leur part assuré Toujane Fayçal de leur soutien. "Je recois chaque jour des centaines de coups de téléphone de gens qui me témoignent leur sym-pathie, proposent de payer mes avo-cats ou de me servir de gardes du corps", sjoute la candidate, visible-

Malgré les menaces de mort, qu'elle prend très au serieux, elle a décidé de poursuivre su campagne. A l'instar des onze antres candidates. "L'enthne que nous rencontrons auprès des électrices nous stimule pour continuer", affirme l'une d'elles. Toujane Fayçal estime même que son "affaire" a dynamisé sa campagne.
"Elle permettra peut-être à trois on quatre femmes d'entrer au Parle-

Alain Renon avec Sonia Katami.

Pleins feux sur les Législatives

Le grand jeu médiatique



Deux cents journalistes et techniciens étrangers attendus; une celiule de presse; des reportages à la JTV dès 10h00 du matin mercredi: les premières Législatives depuis 22 ans en Jordanie feront l'objet d'une converture médiatione sons équivaleut au cours des deux dernières

Les ministères de l'Intérieur et de l'Information, ainsi que le ser-vice national des télécommunica-tions travaillent d'arrache-pied depuis plus d'une semaine pour met-tre en place tous les éléments de ce grand jeu médiatique. Devant l'af-fluence des télévisions, radios et journaux étrangers, le porte-parole du ministère de l'Intérieur, Salameh Hammad, a été chargé de veiller au bon fonctionnement du centre de presse eo cours d'installation dans les salons de l'hôtel Plaza de Shmeisani. Un centre équipé de 15 lignes téléphoniques, dont 10 internationales, de 4 fax et de 2 telex. Eu accord avec la JTV les équipes de télévision pourront même envoyer des images par

Si les autorités concentrent l'essentiel de leurs efforts sur la capitale, elles permettront aussi aux

satellite à leurs rédactions.

journalistes de prendre la température du vote dans les autres gouvernorats. Quatre bus, affrêtés par le gouvernement, sillonneront en effet le royaume le 8 novembre.

La télévision jordanienne n'est pas en reste. De 10h00 à 19h00 mercredi, la première chaîne en langue arabe diffusera les reportages rélisés en direct par ses équipes aux quatre coins du pays. Les résultats partiels de la participation au scrutin seront également donnés par la rédaction, dès leur communication par le ministère de l'Intérieur.

Quatre journaux (à 12h00, 15h00, 18h00 et 20h00) feroot le point sur l'élection avant que ne commence une mini nuit à l'américaine. A 23h00, puis jeudi matin à 2h00 et 6h00, trois autres rendezvous ont en effet été fixés pour donner les premiers résultats, avant la conférence de presse du ministre de l'Intérieur jendi midi.

Aucun changement de program-me o'est prévu sur la deuxième chaîne. Si ce o'est un éventuel couplage avec la Une pour le journal de 23h00, mercredi soir.

modèle scolaire: théorique, ponctuel et magistral. Ici le modèle est "convi-

vial" et repose sur la motivation très

Les programmes soot variés:

apprentissage d'une langue vivante,

enseignement scientifique, confér-ences-débats, atelier de musique, de

dessin, cours sur le monde moderne:

le rock, l'espace, l'art contemporain.

Les étudiants de ces Universités sont d'origines sociales très diverses: les

enseignants, les employés et les

cadres moyens sont les catégories socio-professionnelles les plus re-présentées mais il y a aussi d'anciens

ouvriers, des artisans, des commer-

Ceux qui ont co autrefois une scolarité longue sont évidemment

avantagés. C'est plus dur pour ceux

qui ont cu une formation plus légère

ou qu'un métier répétitif a coupé de

habitade du travail intellectuel

Tous, de toutes façons, ont un peu le "stress" à l'idée de s'y remettre après

40 ans d'oubli. Mais quelque soit le

niveau, l'émulation et l'amour-propre

forte du désir d'apprendre.

EN BREF

Huit morts. Huit militaires jordaniens, dont six officiers, ont été tués et un neuvième blessé, lors d'un accident d'hélicoptère, jeudi matin, dans la région de Karak. L'hélicoptère de l'armée de l'air de type "Super Puma" s'est écrasé à la suite d'une défaillance technique. Six des neuf personnes à bord ont été tuées sur le coup, et deux aotres ont succombé à leurs blessures à l'hôpital. Le roi Hussein s'est rendu sur les heux de l'accident, puis à l'hôpital pour rencontrer le seul rescapé.

Petra Bank. La Banque Centrale Jordanienne a décidé dimanche la mise sous séquestre provisoire de biens des 37 compagnies débitrices de la Petra Bank, dont le dossier a été confié, début octobre, à la cour martiale. Par ailleurs, l'ancien directeur des changes de la Petra Bank, M. Ali Sarraf, a été arrêté à son domicile dimanche à l'anhe. Il sera déféré devant la cour

Troika. Une troika européenne formée des ministres des Affaires étrangères espagnol, irlandais et français, se rendra en Tunisie puis en Egypte les 11 et 12 novembre prochains. But du voyage, qui devrait comprendre une étape ultérieure en Israël: apporter une coopération européenne à la recherche d'une solution de paix au Proche-Orient. La troika rencontrera entre autre Yasser Arafat et Chedli Klibi, secrétaire général de la Ligue arabe, en Tunisie, ainsi que le président Monbarak en Egypte. Cette visite intervient alors que François Mitterrand invite les Douze de la CEE et les 22 membres de la Ligue arabe à se réunir à Paris pour réactiver le dialogue euro-arabe.

Terrorisme. Uo sondage révèle que plus de 70% des Français seraient avorables à une intervention armée contre des terroristes. "L'emploi des forces armées françaises à l'extérieur de l'Europe" serait approuvé par 76% des Français afin de porter assistance à une population en détresse pour cause de famine ou de guerre civile; par 74% s'il s'agissait d'obtenir la libération d'otages français.

Halloween. Plusieurs dizaines de jeunes de 14 à 19 ans ont terrorisé New-York, mardi soir, pendant la célébration de la fête d'Halloween. Des bandes de jeunes ont déferlé dans des quartiers riches comme populaires dévalisant boutiques et passants. La soirée s'est soldée par un bilan de cinq

Vieillir. Le vieillissement est un phénomène qui surgit brutalement, souvent à la suite d'expériences personnelles douloureuses, et non graduellement. Telle est la conclusion d'une étude réalisée par le centre de gérontologie de l'Université de l'Etat de Pennsylvanie, aux États-Unis. Une étude unique en son geure qui a porté durant 33 ans sur 4.000 personnes âgées de 20 à 90 ans. Tous les sept ans, une série de capacités mentales étaient testées. Plus de la moitié des participants avaient perdu leur capacité de raisonnement vers 67 ans, alors que la capacité verbale de la plupart reste vive presque jusqu'à 80

A L'AFFICHE

CINEMA

Cinéma et Révolution. Le seutre culturel français, l'institut Goethe et le British Council présentent une série de films consacrés aux événements de 1789.

Madame Du Barry, d'Erust Lubitsch, avec Pola Negri (1919). Le destin d'une lingère, devenue courti-sane à l'aube de la Révolution. Institut Goethe, samedi 4 novémbre

frontement singulier de Danton et de Robespierre, deux figures emblématiques de 1789. D'après la pièce de

Danton, d'Andrej Wajda, avec

Centre culturei français, lundi 6 novemb à 2000 (en français, sons-titre en arabe). Danton, de Buchowetzki, avec Char-

lote Ander et Emil Jannings (1921). L'antagonisme des deux mêmes monstres, raconté de manière rocambusilint Gaethe, mardi 7 novembre à 26500.

Cinè-club. Séances à 13h00, 15h00, 17h00, 18h30 et 20h00. Nonveau film

le lundi à 20h00; projection pour les jeunes le jeudi à 15h00.

Samedi 4: Casablanca; Change of season; Les Liaisons dangereuses (USA); Falling in love again; Dr Irvago,
Dianauche 5: King Kong; John and Mary; Fatal attraction; Rebecca; Portrait of Genny. Genny.

Land 6: Farewell my lovely; This property

Grand Bleu. Maria 7: Portier de mit; The way we were; Mississipi burning; Tomorrow never com-

es; Strangers when we meet.
Mercredi 2: Nosferatu; Maria's lovers;
Betrayed; Scandal; Babylone.
Jeudi 2: Coming home; The pirats of
Byzance; Lovely hearts; Falling in love;
Brève Rencoutre.
Vendredi 10: Blade runner; Witness; So-

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EXPOSITION

Recherche et technologie. Ariane, le prix Nobel de chimie 1987... Les scientifiques français témoignent des performances de la technologie de Hexagone, L'exposition est accompagnée de projections video. Centre culturel français, du 5 au 16 novembre (manguration dimenche à 18680).

THEATRE

The reluctant debutante, de William Douglas Home, mise en scène par Hugh Goldie, avec Barbara Murray et Frank Thornton de la compagnie théâtrale de la British Airways. Les premiers pas d'une actrice de

comédie sur les planches. Hôtel Intercontinental, du 7 au 12 novem-bre. Prix des places: 18 dinars (!) Réserva-

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L'inégalité du droit de divorce

Le nombre des divorces a presque donblé en Jordanie en 12 ans, passant de 2.750 en 1976 à 4.646 en 1988. Les mariages ont, eux aussi, augmenté, maintenant un même taux de divorce: un ménage sur six se sépare. Une moyenne élevée dont l'homme est le principal responsable.

"F.Z., transférée d'orgence à l'hô-, ser sa conjointe à faire la demande à pital de Shmeisani, souffre de - sa place pour éviter de lui verser sa douleurs sérieuses à la tête, an con et dot. La femme, en effet, perd autoaux comies. Les analyses révèlent les matiquement sa dot des lors qu'elle effets de comps anciens et récents à la engage une procédure de divorce, tête, su con sur la boncho, les avant . Les femmes peuvent obtenir le di-

choisissant la protection de l'avocat Issah Abu Rimmanac: Scion lui, sa cliente: devrait obtenir son divorce sais problème. Le dossier est facile: il elles renoncent du même coup à leur aporte autaut de preuves aceablante que de rapports médicaix et qu'elle o'existe qu'avec l'accord du plusieurs, témoignages, Mauvais traitements perimments, querelles in-concaliables et abandon du foyer peudant plus d'un ân, sont autant de motifs que l'épouse peut invoquer pour appuyer sa demande de divorce. En vertu de l'article 122 de la loi jordanieure sur le divorce définie en 1976, la femme a le droit de poursuivre son époux en justice si elle a perdu un de ses droits maritaire", explique Issab Abu Reumanne. F.Z.

en est une illustration typique. de le divorce, poursuit-it, le tribunal de le divorce, poursuit-it, le tribunal didonne une période probatoire d'an moins trois mois durant laquelle le man doit être irreprochable. Si la plaignance peut apporter la preuvre du contraire, le divorce sera alors renencé: Pour l'homme, la procédure est bien plus simple. Il bénéficie d'un droit supraine an divorce. Il lui suifit, donc de le demander pour l'abtenir..."

Politicience de traitement qui peut parfoir conduire à des abas. Il n'est per sare qu'un mari peu scrupuleux et désireux de divorcer essaye de pous-

bras et le genou droit.

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- Fakhouri, candidate aux législatives et sensibilisée au respect des droits de la femme. Mais, n'oublions pas qu'en obtenant l'égalité devant le divorce.

> "La mentalité masculine o'est pas encore prête à perdre la supériorité dans le divorce, en l'accordant à la fenume, explique le Dr. Majdeddin Khairi, professeur de sociologie à l'université de Jordanie. La définition de la respectabilité dans notre société

> dot". Une égalité bien fragile puis

exige que l'homme ne soit pas à la merci de son épouse."

Les préjuges mysogynes sont en-core bien implantés dans les mentalités si l'on en croit le commentaire de Pavocat de F.Z., qui pense que "c'est plus sage de ne donner le droit de divorce qu'aux houmes, puisque les femmes sont sentimentales et prennent leur décision à la hâte, sans réflé.

Même si les femmes obtenzient l'égalité absolue devant le divorce, il reste que leur position sociale et leur dépendance financière les paralysent. Quand son ménage but de l'aile, l'épouse préfère souvent mettre ses émotions au placard et sauver son honneur, son moyen de subsistance ainsi que l'avenir de ses enfants. Pour preuve, le cas d'une jeune femme de

23 ans qui essaie par tous les moyens d'éviter un troisième divorce d'avec le même éponx. Flanquée d'un mari stérile qui la

bat et lui a déjà imposé deux di-vorces, elle préfère l'enfer de ce couple plutôt que le célibat. La loi jordamenne stipule, en effet, qu'une femme ne peut épouser un même homme une quatrième fois consécutive. Après le troisième divorce, elle doit trouver un autre époux, ce qui o'est pas toujours simple... "Le divorce est vécu comme un

échec personnel grave par les femmes arabes, commente le Dr. Khairi, d'autant plus que les traditions et les conventions ne les protègent pas, C'est beaucoop plus facile pour l'homme de se remarier après un divorce. Ajoutez à cela les problèmes économiques et vous comprendrez mieux pourquoi les femmes sont si mes jordaniennes out un travail..."

On est bien loin de la situation des pays occidentaux, où le travail des iemmes arrive en tête des motifs de divorce. Il faut prendre la mesure de l'impact de l'Islam sur la vic d'un couple. Le divorce est presque inter-dir. Dans les pays arabes, les causes de divorce sont plutôt à trouver dans les modaintés du mariage. Pour ce qui concerne la Jordanie,

on constate que les mariages préma-turés sont les plus propices au di-vorce. Les statistiques révêtent que 23% des feannes divorcées ont moias de 19 ans, et 72% ont entre 20 et 29 ans. Des chiffres qui indiquent aussi que le divorce intervient dans les pre-mières années du mariage. Dans ce cas, l'absence d'enfant et l'interveution constante des parents dans la vie du ménage précipitent le divorce. La prise de conscience des motifs

de divorce peut aider à l'éviter en gérant mieux le mariage lui-même. Chacun pourra ainsi minimiser les risques d'échec de son couple. Saeda Kilani.

Universités du troisième âge

Les "papys" vont à l'école

Les sociétés industrielles modernes sont très performantes. Mais la sélectivé est impitoyable et met très tôt hors du circuit économique un grand nombre de personnes; entre ceux qui sont mis sur la touche à partir de 45 ans et ceux qui sont à la retraite après 60 ans cela fait, en France, 20 millions de personnes.

place aux jeunes, loups aux dents longues tous les arguments sont utilisés: on est "vieux" de plus en plus jenne ... La cause est entendue: "La performance diminue avec l'âge, c'est mexorable" affirme-t-on. "Un cadre de quarante huit ans est fini" ajoute-t-on fréquemment. "Il o'y a plus de place dans la vie professionnelle pour es plus de 50 ans."

Autant dire que les gens concernés out le moral à zéro. Ce o'est pas une question d'argent: ils out les revenus de leur retraite ou pré-retraite mais ils ne se sentent plus bons à rien. Quel est leur avenir? La question est d'autant plus angoissante que, la durée de vie s'allongeant, c'est encore facilement trente ans de vie qu'ils ont devant eux. Vont-ils s'encroûter devant leur télé, passer leur temps à la belote, sombrer dans l'ennui ou même la dépression comme c'est très souvent le cas?

Un homme a en le mérite il y a quelques années de renverser com-plètement la perspective. Cet homme e'est le professeur Pierre Vellas, de l'Université de Toulouse qui, le pre-mier dans le monde, a pensé à créer une Université du troisième âge. Pour cela il s'est appuyé sur une idée simple, résumée par le proverbe japo-nais: "On commence à vieillir quand on finit d'apprendre".

A partir de cette idée, Pierre Vellas a décidé de réintroduire les personnes agées dans le circuit de l'Université. Il allait ainsi à l'encontre des idées toutes faites selon lesquelles les facul-tés intellectuelles g'épuisent fatalement avec l'âge. C'est tout le con-traire: le vicillissement provient pré-

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> C'est donc dans cet esprit qu'à été ouverte en 1973 la première Universi-té du troisième âge qui a immédiatement remporté un énorme succès non sculement en France où on en trouve 40 mais dans le monde entier on l'on en compte plus de 110 autourd'hu L'Université est ouverte à tous à partir de 50 ans. Pas de pédagogio particulière. Les personnes agées sont des étudiants comme les autres. Ils se trouvent d'ailleurs au milieu des étudiants "jeunes" et peuvent à l'occa-sion croiser leurs petits enfants dans

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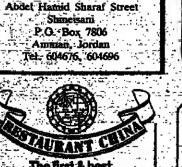
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Bahraini budget deficit Petra Bank detainees freed on bail augments seventeen -fold

BAHRAIN (R) — Bahrain's budget deficit in 1988 was about seventeen fold higher than the previous year due mainly to lower oil revenues, according to official figures.

(BMA) in its annual report said government revenues fell six per cent to 401.3 million dinars (\$1.064 billion) while expenditure rose 4.3 per cent to 486.2 million (\$1.289 billion) in 1988.

Economists said the deficit was 84.9 million dinars (\$225 million). nearly 17 times greater than the tive million dinar (\$13.3 million)

Official forecasts had predicted a deficit figure of 60 million dinars (\$160 million).

The BMA said despite this the island's economy, heavily dependent on oil in spite of attempts to diversify, continued to show a stable growth and overall satisfactory performance".

It did not give growth figures. Statistics compiled by Gulf International Bank last year predicted gross domestic product would decline by 1.5 per cent during 1988 compared with an increase of 1.1

The Bahrain Monetary Agency depressed oil prices, which prompted a 15.1 per cent decline in oil income to around 210 million dinars (\$557 million). The government bas sharply

boosted domestic borrowing in 1988 and 1989 to compensate. During 1988 the island's trade deficit narrowed to 69.7 million dinars (\$185 million) — its lowest level since 1984 — from a revised 106.8 million (\$283 million) the

previous year, the BMA report

This was partially due to a decline in the value of crude oil brought from Saudi Arabia to the island's refinery coupled with growing non-oil exports, it said. The island buys most of the oil for its 250,000 barrel per day refinery from the kingdom and its own dwindling reserves are expected to run out by the turn of

the century. Non-oil exports, including manufactured goods, chemicals, per cent in 1987.

The BMA said falling revenues could be attributed mainly to machinery and transport equipment grew by 39 per cent to 218.2 million dinars (\$579 million) dur-

Amman exchange rates

Thursday November 2, 1989 Central Bank official rates

U.S. dollar	
Pound Sterling	
Deutschemark	
Swiss franc	

Buy	Self
630,0 989,8 340,3 387,2	999.7 343.7

French franc 100.3 101.3 Japanese yen (for 100) 437.8 442.2 Dutch guilder 301.4 304.4 Swedish crown 97.8 98.8 Italian fira (for 100) 46.4 46.9 Belgian franc (for 10) 163.3 164.9

Amman Financial Market weekly trading

Oct. 28-Nov. 1

Following is a summary of trading during last week and the previous week:

Daily average	JD 2,021,777	JD 1,492,154
Total volume	JD 10.108.887	JD 8,952,922
Total shares	4,543,353	3,604,652
No. of contracts	5.473	4,989
Sec	toral trading:	
Industrial	JD 7,645,684	JD 5,604,244
	(75.6%)	(62.6%)
Financial	JD 1,509,143	JD 2,474,741
	(14.9%)	(27.6%)
Service	(8.6%)	(9.4%)
Insurance	(0.9%)	(0.4%)
Share price index	132.5	131.6
No. of companies	58	60
Price movement (rise)	33	27
(decline)	11	23
(stable)	1.1	10

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling	1.5690/700
One U.S. doliar	1.1725/35
	1.8415/22
	2.0793/800
•	1.6170/80
	38.64/68
	6.2480/530
\$	1352/1353
	143,35/45

6.4125/75 6.9150/200

7.1550/600

One ounce of gold 378.90/379.40

U.S. dollars Canadian dollar Deutschemarks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen

Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY - Australia's share market finished slight'v firmer in quiet trade but dominated by strong demand for gold str. ks. The All Ordinaries index closed 5.1 up at 1657.1.

TOKYO - Major investors packed up early for Japan's three-day weekend and the Nikkei index closed 69.57 points down at

HONG KONG - Share prices closed higher in quiet trade ahead of the weekend. The Hang Seng index put on 27.93 points to 2,739.79.

SINGAPORE - The market closed weak in dull trading with the Straits Times index shedding 5.39 points to end at 1,330.79. Investors were reluctant to take positions ahead of the release of U.S. jobs data.

BOMBAY — Textile stocks rose sharply for the second day on hectic short covering, spurring a broad rally. Century Enka rose 40 rupees to 3.390 after leaping 110 Thursday.

FRANKFURT - Sale orders from abroad depressed prices but profit-taking emerged at mid-session. The DAX index fell 10.11 points to 1,449.90.

ZURICH - High interest rates depressed the market. The all-share index fell 10.5 to 1.085.3.

PARIS - French shares followed Wall Street - down, then rising near the close — on conflicting readings of U.S. jobs data. The CAC-40 index lost 12.54 points to 1,808.04.

LONDON - The market took heart from a possible casb injection when bids for Jaguar and DGR are eventually completed. At 1630 GMT the FTSE was up 17 points at 2171.1.

NEW YORK - A rise in October employment produced conflicting readings — bearish on reduced bope for lower interest rates, bullish on reduced fear of a slowdown. At 1637 GMT the Dow Jones industrials were 5.12 higher at 2,636.68.

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

ing the year.

The island's overall balance of AMMAN — The number of people detained in connection payments showed a 181.1 million with the Petra Bank debacle dinar (\$480 million) surplus in 1988, compared with a deficit of 116.6 million dinars (\$309 million) the previous year, the agency said. It was not clear from the BMA report what caused the turnaround, but economists said grants

from foreign countries and repatriation of private capital were likely factors. Officials say Saudi Arabia and Kuwait — Bahrain's main allies in the regional Gulf Cooperation Council — grant it 37.5 million dinars (\$100 million) a year to help cover its budget deficit.

U.S. urges debt-nature swap deals

HORGEN, Switzerland (R) — A senior U.S. official said Thursday conservation schemes tied to debt reduction for poor countries were a success and should be extended.

Such agreements, known as debt-for-nature swaps, had reduced foreign debts by more than \$85 million in just two years, said William Reilly, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"They have helped poor countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa protect one of the few resources in which they are very rich," Reilly told some 200 government officials, bankers and conservationists at a two-day conference on debt and conserva-

"Swaps work and everyone can benefit," he said, "They make more than a marginal contribution to conserving what remains of the rick flora and fanna and natural systems of debt-burdened countries," Reilly said.

Debt-for-nature swaps between conservation groups such as the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and developing nations of Asia and Latin America began only two years ago and have recently expanded to Africa.

The conservation group buys a portion of the developing couna discount. The country then repays the conservation group by setting aside the face value of the retired debt in its own currency for environmental projects.

Reilly urged greater participation from sceptical governments and banks.

"To many in the financial community, in both developed and developing countries, debt for nature is still not a serious proposition, it is far from a mainstream idea," he said.

Countries involved in such deals to date include Bolivia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, the Philippines, Zambia and Madagascar.

has dwindled with the release on bail Thursday of nine people, informed sources said Friday. However, there was no indication whether the author-

ities were preparing to formally press charges against any of the detained and start trials of the case affecting Jordan's third two banks' affairs. largest bank. Information available to the

Jordan Times indicated Friday that a total of 27 arrests were made in the course of last week in what was seen by banking circles as a reinvigorated move to get to the bottom of the intricacies and details of the Petra Bank affair, which, some believe, continue to elude its new management, which took over the bank in preparations for its merger with the Jordan Gulf Bank in line with an order by the Economic Security Committee (ESC) in August this

Some of those arrested last week were released after a few hours of questioning. Many of those rumoured "held" by the anthorities answered telephone calls to their homes, indignantly denying they were "major suspects" in the case. It was not known Friday how many remained under detention, but an informed source said: "If there are any, they will not remain in custody for long."

Another source said Ali Saraf, former chief dealer of Petra Bank who was the first

LONDON (R) — British prestige carmaker Jaguar agreed Thurs-

day to a takeover by the Ford

Motor Company in hopes the U.S. giant will steer it back on the

"Ford was prepared to make

satisfactory guarantees about

how the business will be run in

the future," said Jaguar Chair-

man Sir John Egan. "Jaguar will

be an independent company with

a board that has its own funding

The £1.6 billion (\$2.5 billion)

analysts by surprise as Jaguar bad previously spnrned Ford in

minority stake by General

But G.M. the world's biggest

statement which took

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deal was announced in a joint shareholders.

road to success.

believed detainee in the case when it broke in August but freed after 28 days and rearrested last week, was among those released Thursday.

Company lifted from list

In the meantime, the management committee of Petra Bank and the Jordan Gulf Bank has removed one company from a list of 37 firms whose assets were frozen pending final results of investigations into the

A statement issued by the committee on Thursday said Mousa Ghozlani and Company — a firm engaged in construc-tion activities — was removed from the list. The statement said the company "proved proper and timely performance on its projects, enjoys superb professional reputation and conducts its projects with high effi-

According to a report published in the local press, the other firms included in the list were: Trade and Agricultural Development Company, Al Tayeb Trading Company, San Rock Hotels and Restaurants Company, Beit Al Quds Exchange, Mohammad Karsou'a Exchange, Daoud and Brothers Company, Abdo Nakawa and Sons Company, Imwas for Trading and Investment Company, Petra Company for Supply for International Trade, the National Industries Company, Al Manakh Financial Investment Company, the Jordanian Company for Touristic and Supply Projects, United Ex-

the Ford offer was accepted that

it considered Jaguar's shares to

be overvalned and would not

The British government paved

the way for the takeover on Tues-

day when it told parliament it

would give np its power to veto any hostile bid for the former

state-owned company.

The deal with Ford, the world's

number two car firm, is con-

ditional under terms of Jaguar's

1984 privatisation on agreement

of at least 75 per cent of its

would recommend acceptance of

the offer, which values each share

Ford already has a 13.2 per cent

Jaguar, Britain's last big inde-

Jaguar directors said they

make a counter-bid.

change, Rama Travel Agency, Fawaz Dahdai Imports and Exporting Corporation, Al Rimal Trading Company, Abbara Trading Company, Antar Trading Company, Petra Exchange, Al Zebda Exchange, Riad Zeid Al Kellani Company, Al

Nisr Rnbber Products Company, Amin Mahmoud Sulciman and Co. Transport Company, Al Mutawaset Trading and Investment Company, Eastern Import and Land Transport Company, General Investment Company for Hotels and Tourism, Azmi Sabri & Company, Abdul Hadi Ajjaj Company, Zahra Trading and Industry Company, Ajajeo Trading Company, Jordan Corporation for Agricultural Pro-jects, Al Jazair Company for Electric Household Appliances, Ibrahim Sheikh and Brothers Company, Mohammad Assad and Company and International Centre for Pro-

A circular issued by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) on Oct. 24 said these companies were prohibited from disposing of their assets, including shares. lands and deposits, except with prior permission from the management committee of the two

ject Development.

At least two of the above companies - Al Rimal and Abhara - were directly owned by a brother of the fugitive ex-chairman of Petra Bank, Ahmad Chalabi, and, according to Finance Minister Basel Jardaneb, were involved in a web of circuitious transactions to a tune of minimum of \$60

vulnerable to a takeover after

pre-tax profits plunged to £1.4 million (\$2.2 million) in the first

half of 1989 from £22.5 million

(\$35.3 million) in the same period

Its sales stagnated in its prime

Jaguar forecast little improve-

ment in its trading conditions

during the rest of 1989 and said

production was unlikely to ex-

U.S. sends \$1.13b aid to Israel

market, the United States, where

it was battered by unfavourable

exchange rates.

Washington.

Jaguar agrees to Ford takeover bid

million - now listed "missing" since there is no record of the transactions in Petra Bank books.

According to informed sources, some of these companies had run into financial straits and were "bailed out" by Petra Bank on condition that the bank or one or more of its affiliated Chalabi-controlled organisations would assume "controlling interest in them." Some of them have overdrawn heavily on Petra Bank or the Jordan Gulf Bank but with no proper collateral, thus con-travening regular banking practices, the sources said.

Assets owned by members of the Chalabi family and some relatives as well as those of the former chairman of the Jordan Gulf Bank have already been frozen by an order issued in September by the Economic Security Committee.

Ahmad Chalabi left the

country in mysterious circumstances a few days after the committee took control of the two banks and ordered their merger. The government has said that legal proceedings against Chalabi would be launched depending on the outcome of investigations. The military govemor has issued orders that anyone suspected of wrongdoing in the case should be

tried by the military court. In another development, a Petra Bank management source Friday categorcially dismissed as untrue rumours that at least two members of the management committee had submitted their resignations. "There is no truth whatsoever" to the rumours, said the source.

ceed 50,000 cars after nearly

Motor undustry analysts have

said Jaguar needed some fast cash

to tool up for new models to

compete with top-range Japanese

cars threatening to race ahead in the luxury market.

In return for Ford's invest

ment, Jaguar offers the U.S.

company, founded on making cars for the working man, a line

of aristocratic automobiles.

52.000 last year.

Iraqi fair attracts 210 **Jordanian** enterprises

BAGHDAD (J.T.) — The Jordanian flag was raised at the Kingdom's pavilion at the Baghdad International Fair Thursday in the presence of Jordanian and Iraqi officials, including Jordan's ambassador to Iraq, Hilmi Al

A total of 210 Jordanian companies and businesses are displaying national products at the annual fair and, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, several of them have already concluded contracts with a large number of Iraqi and other importers in the Arab World.

Jordan's Industry and Trade

Minister Ziyad Innab and Secretary General Mohammad Saqqaf were among visitors to the Jordanian pavilion where they inspected the different items on

display.

The fair, formally opened Thursday morning, displays products by 62 Arab and foreign countries in addition to 1,256 international companies. Among those attending the opening cere-mony were 14 ministers from various countries.

Innab later held a meeting with Iraqi Transport and Communica-tions Minister Mohammad Hazzeh to discuss bilateral cooperation and next month's meeting by ministers from the four-member Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries.

Bush softens capital gains wrangle

WASHINGTON (R) -- President George Bush and congressional Republicans Thursday gave up their best chance to win a lower capital gains tax rate this year but said they would continue to fight for the lower rate. . . Bush agreed with Senate .

minority leader Robert Dole of Kansas that two important budget and debt bills must pass Congress quickly, something that could only be accomplished if the controversial capital gains provision were stripped from them. . But, Bush said in return, con-

gressional Democrats must stick 2 federal budget deficit in the current fiscal year rather than let it rise to \$110 billion as they had planned. Bush pledged during his pres-

idential campaign to cut the top capital gains tax rate of 33 per cent to 19 per cent.

Linking the capital gains provi-sion to the crucial budget and federal debt bills had been seen by the White House as its best chance for victory.

A capital gains tax rate cut would lower the tax on money made by selling stocks, bonds or other assets. Presently, such profits are taxed at the same rate as other income. Democrats and Republicans

have been at loggerheads over capital gains for several months. Meanwhile, American workers made significant productivity gains in the third quarter, the government said Thursday in a

Lufthansa introduces new flight class

favour of a possible bid for a in the company at £8.50 (\$13.35).

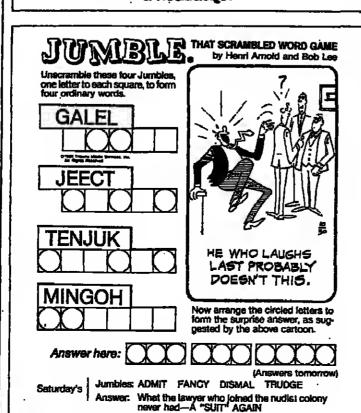
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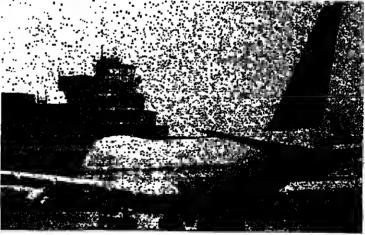
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THE BETTER HALF, By Harris HARRIS 10-9

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A spokesman for the company's sales department, speaking at a reception held Thursday at Amra hotel, said that the new service was prompted by increasmg demand thronghout the world. He added that the company would also provide better services for the company's clients in terms of hotel reservations, renting cars and other ser-



TEL AVIV (R) - The United States has sent \$1.13 billion in

annual economic aid to Israel, the biggest recipient of American financial help, an Israeli diplomat has said. The sum — down

from the usual \$1.2 billion due to an across-the-board U.S. budget

cut — was sent Tuesday, Pinhas Dror, the economic attache at Israel's embassy in the United States told Israel radio in





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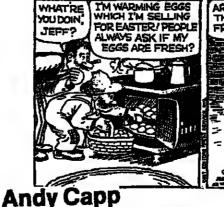
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HOW COULD I KNOW?







New England tournament:

Navratilova to quarterfinals

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WORCESTER, Massachusetts (AP) Top-seeded Martina Nevratilova outplayed unseeded Andrea Leand, 6-2, 6-2, Thursday night to advance to the quar-terfinals of the \$300,000 Virginia. Slims of New England tourna-

Tthought I played well," Nav-ratilova said. "My serve was strong. I made my volleys, approached well and returned

"Andrea's game was tough because of her strong serve. She goes for broke, but I thought I handled her," she said. Leand, who had left the tour for three years to attend Prince-

ton - admired -her opponent's complete game.
"When Martina's focused, she's unbeatable," Leand said. She has the great serve. She

chins and charges. Her shots are deep. When she's on top of the net, she's tough to stop. I tried to keep her away, but she was in control."

Navratilova was never threatened. She held serve in a deuce game and broke Leand in the sixth game to win the first set. Then she broke Leand in the fourth game of the second set after trailing in the game 40-15

Ann Smith scored the second upset of the tourney by defeating seventh-ranked Helen Kelesi of

On Wednesday, Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union, seeded sixth, was defeated by Eva Pfaff of West Germany.

Eighth-seeded Roz Fairbanks defeated Sandy Collins 6-4, 7-5 Thursday and Australian Liz Smylie climinated Pfaff, 2-6, 6-3,

Kelesi had good success with her serve early, but late in the first set, Smith rook over and won the set, then took the match handily

Both vulnerable. South deals. NORTH

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With a hand worth about 19 points once spades are supported, conduct an invitational auction. A. rebid of four spades seems to ex-

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Fly upward

THE Daily Grossword by Florence C; Adler

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and coasted to the victory. Earlier in the day, unseeded

Canada, 6-4, 6-2.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF 0/1089 Tribuna Media Services, Inc.

FINESSE WITH NO FINESSE

press the value of the hand quite The ovening lead of the jack of clubs was covered by the queen and taken by the ace. Declarer won the club return in dummy and, since the contract would be laydown if trumps were 2-2, he immediately led a trump to the king, fetching the queen from East. Since South now seemed to be saddled with a sure loser in trumps, the fate of the contract apparently hinged on a successful diamond finesse.

Declarer found a better line. He cashed both red aces, crossed to the king of hearts and ruffed a club. A heart ruff put him in dummy to lead a diamood toward his hand. When East played low, declarer inserted

Had East held the king, the contract would have been impregnable. As it was, West was able to capture her highness with the king, but he had no safe return. A trump would have given op his trump trick; a club would permit declarer to ruff in durarry while discarding his diamond loser from hand. All West could do was surrender graciously.

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Prince Faisal attends charity walk

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Al Hussein Friday attended the five-kilometre charity walk, organised by the newly established charity, well-known as PROMISE. Taking part in the charity walk were more than 200 participatns. The walk is designed to raise money to help the needy and the poor during the rainy season.

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ber 21) Accept oow a younger person into your circle of friends. Your home can cow be filled and

overflowing with newcomers.

Don't question your attachments

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 20) Io friendship doo't

try to keep up with the prosperous

friends you know. Important meo are not yet willing to release you

CAPRICORN: (December 21 to

January 18) Now is the time to take

your friends to outside recreation

on the town. Your family will now

aid you to perfect your talents.

AQUARIUS: (January 19 to Febru-

ary 17) Many types of friends are now available for your social plea-

sures. Your uncertainty requires

that you postpone a very important

PISCES: (February 18 to March

19) A delay in meeting with friends

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Today's child: If your child were

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ARIES: (March 20 to April 17) You will have a better time with progressive than conservative friends today. Use a bitle money to make your home more attractive and theo you will be able to invite interesting friends there.

TAURUS: (April 18 to May 19) Two family members will bring practical benefits into your home. Listen to your loved ones ideas. There are several new ways by which you will able to add to your

GEMINI: (May 20 to June 20) Avoid discussing secret matters in the presents of good and polite friends. In any family conference hold them in the strictest privacy,

MOON CHILDREN: (June 21 to July 21) You have much charm now, so contact as many friends as possible. You can make more money if you keep quiet about

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Keep calm and poised although there is apt to be strain and tension with some friends. Even though you feel others magnetism remain true to your close attachmed.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 21) Don't let an emotional associate keep you from seeing your friends. Enter with pleasure into all the activities at your home. LIBRA: (September 22 to October

22) An important project at your home will take more time than anticipated. Two friendly couples from a distance can make this an

ARAMEX sponsors young champ

AMMAN (J.T.) - ARAMEX International Courier announced it will be sponsoring the young and upcoming Yazeed Soufan (Tony), Jordan's under-17 squash champion. Soufan, only 15 years old, is a talented squash player who avidly trains at the Hussein Youth City. His coach predicts a bright future for Yazeed in a popular sport where Jordan has achieved excellent results regionally. "Yazeed is only the latest of a string of young champs that ARAMEX is sponsoring in Jordan" said Fadi Ghandour, the president of ARAMEX. Yazeed joins Hamed Saced, national squash champion, Samer Kamal, the tackwondoo Olympic medallist, Jamal Buheri, national basketball and handball star, and Haitham Mufti, rally-cars champion, in the tradition of sponsoring local sports that ARAMEX has undertaken for some years now.

PLO in new bid to join Olympics

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (R) - PLO leader Yasser Arafat was written to the president of the International Olympic Committee (OIC) to request backing for a fresh Palestinian bid to join the Olympic community. IOC spokeswoman Michele Verdier said Thursday that a PLO envoy met Juan Antonio Samaranch at the friendship games hosted by Kuwait. "I can confirm that IOC president Samaranch was handed a letter from Arafat in Knwait Tuesday asking for support on the Palestinian Olympic Committee's (POC) bid to join the international Olympic movement," she told Renters. Verdier said that the earliest the application might even be considered was next September's IOC session in

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Paris Open:

McEnroe fired up after new outburst

PARIS (R) — John McEnroe got fired up to play some hreathtaking tennis at the \$1.26-million Paris Open Thursday after yet another clash with an umpire.

The American third seed had a penalty point awarded against him for arguing near the end of the first set of his match with Austrian Horst Skoff.

Not for the first time in a career peppered with such incidents, McEnroe responded by playing irresistible tennis as he swept to a 7-6, 6-0 victory.

The dispute came at 5-5 in the first set after McEnroe smashed his racket to the ground in frustration at failing to convert two set points.

A Skoff first serve was called out by a line judge but Australin professional umpire Richard Ings over-ruled the call and awarded the Austrian the point.

A furious McEnroe told Ings: "You're an embarrassment to the circuit. Yon're doing a professional joh but what do I get in return — more bad decisions.

"Yon don't know what the hell you are talking about. You're a cheat. Give me a game penalty,

Asked about his popularity, McEnroe said: "Maybe people feel sorry for me that I'm no longer number one. They like to root for the underdog. Also they relate to someone with a family and people understand me more as a person.

"It's nice to have support, better to have it now than never. Before when the crowds were against me, it was partly my own fault and partly because of how

Earlier, seventh seed Alberto

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Mancini of Argentina, who beat Swede Mats Wilander Wednesday, made a surprise exit to Australian Wally Masur after winning the first set.

Masur was in complete control by the end, winning 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 to move into the last eight where he meets either top seed Boris Becker or Freechmae Goy

Ings, who had already warned McEnroe, promptly awarded a penalty point against him and the American went on to lose the

But from then on he was at his brilliant best. He held serve, waltzed away with the tiebreak 7-3 and had Skoff scampering around the court like a rabbit on the run in the second set.

McEnroe was at a loss to explain the sudden change in his play. "I wish I could say it helped me," he said of the penalty point.



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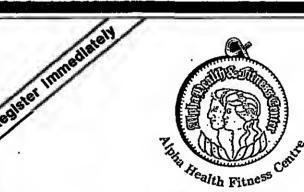
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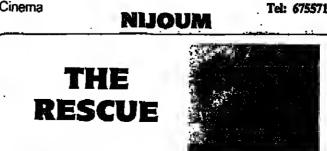
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Nicaraguan troops launch offensive against contras

MANAGUA (Agencies) — Sandinista government troops are fighting rebels in northern provinces, using the end of a 19-month ceasefire to try to stop the guerrillas returning from Honduras, defence officials say.

A rebel commander said the guerrillas, known as contras, were ill-equipped and would not launch attacks against governtrient forces.

The ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front's radio station said Thursday that fighting began soon after President Daniel Onega announced Wednesday that a ceasefire with the rebels would not be renewed.

'Two hours after suspending the ceasefire a company from Ouilali and the militia engaged a group of 30 counterrevolutionaries in a combat," Radio Sandino

Quilali is about 280 kilometres north of the capital in Nueva Segovia province.

A Defence Ministry communique said three rebels were killed in a clash in El Guapote, 190 kilometres north east of the capital in Matagalpa province.

Fighting in two places in Jinotega province — Pantasma and Plan De Grama - wounded seven government soldiers, the

Government troops in three

northero provinces, Nueva Segovia, Madriz and Esteli, were reorganising, the radio said.

"The (government) troops began to disperse and restructure the commands, which fell on experienced fighters," it

Ortega said be was cancelling the ceasefire because of the infiltration of 1,100 rebels from Honduran camps over the past three

Radio Sandino said Thursday that 400 rebels had worked their way back into the country in the Quilali area and two other northern zones and were "assassinating and kidnapping civilians and making propaganda for the rightist Unified National Opposition

The coalition, known as UNO. encompasses parties from both the left and right and is Ortega's main opposition in presidential elec-tions scheduled for Feb. 1990.

In Tegucigalpa , Honduras, contra commander Enrique Bermudez said the rebels would continue observing the ceasefire. Since U.S. weapons and ammuniFebruary 1988, he said, the rebels Sandinistas. have not been equipped to attack.

"These troops will only carry

out evasive actions," he said. The rebels said Thursday they had accepted in principle a Sandinista offer to meet Monday and Tuesday at the United Nations to discuss demobilisation. Nicara-guan Roman Catholic Cardinal Miguel Obando Y Bravo said be had also accepted an invitation to attend the talks.

Ortega said Thursday his troops had launched a major offensive, but called it a move for

Speaking on U.S. television from Managua, he said: "Yes, it's a big offensive, but a big offensive for peace - that's what I want to get under way."

The country put its war machine into gear once more to fight the contras as a convoy of trucks carrying troops, ammunition and fuel rumbled along a dirt road near Santo Domingo 120 kilometres east of Managua.

The convoy was headed for northern Chontales province m central Nicaragua where Sandinista forces prepared an offensive against the contras, a day after Ortega lifted a 19-month-old

As it moved, the contras

tion supplies were cut off in accepted peace talks with the Captain Francisco Torrentes,

commander of an infantry unit in the convoy, said: "We have orders from the (Sandinista) national directorate not to leave tbe field until the region is back to normal.

"That means that no more farming cooperatives are attacked, that the roads are cleared and that peasants can live in peace," he told reporters in Santo Domingo.

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, architect of a Central American peace plan, joined in-teroaconal criticism of the decision, calling the end of the cease-fire a step backwards.

President George Bush termed Managua's decision to end the truce an assault on the Nicaraguan electoral process but said Washington would keep its nptions open.

"Despite Sandinista denials, it is hard not to believe that the government of Nicaragua is taking this action to give itself an excuse to close down the limited political space it has allowed thus far." he said.

"It is not clear how far Ortega intends to take his military and intimidation campaign. Accordingly, we must and we will keep our options open.

Salvadorean

SAN SALVADOR (AP) -

never forgotten, our slain companions will be avenged." union members shouted, marching through downtown San Salvador Thursday, when the Day of the Dead holiday coincidentally was observed.

wreaths and banners denouncing President Alfredo Cristiani's government.

pended our participation" in

and the government were scheduled to meet Nov. 20 in Caracas, Venezuela, in the third round of talks that began in Mexico in September.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Law-

makers are optimistic President

bringing Marcos' remains to the pate.

departure for Canada and the United States. Marcos died on Sept. 28 in Honolulu, where he

town of Batac, 400 kilometres tration, Military Chief of Staff north of Manila, on Oct. 24 to Gen. Reanto de Villa had urge Aquino to lift her ban on ordered soldiers not to partici-

the widow of assassinated opposi-

tion leader Benigno Aquino to

opened Monday. He and the

other defendants are charged

with, "counter-revolutionary

activity" for allegedly plotong

Kosovo's independence from

The trial has been postponed

for at least 10 days while an

appeals court rules on a defence

motion for the exclusion of the

presiding judge and the public

public of Slovenia and in Croatia.

as well as international human

rights organisations, have de-

nounced the proceedings, de-

scribing them as a "farce" and a

charges and say "outsiders are

trying to disrupt the due course of

ing riots last February and March

that left at least 25 people dead.

Vlasi is also charged with incit-

Kosovo authorities deny those

Officials and the news media in Yugoslavia's liberal northern re-

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including two policemen.

Friday's crowd included Laurel, opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and other former Marchers left Marcos' home- officials of the Marcos adminis-

Philippines for burial. "I am glad at the turnout."

The marchers reached Manila Laurel told reporters. "It only on the eve of Mrs. Aquino's means that the people are with us." Laurel said Mrs. Aquino cannot ignore "the voice of the people" on the return of Marcos'

Not a jewel thief,

just a burglar

BRUSSELS (R) - A Belgian suspected of robbing a jeweller's shop told police in Liege he couldn't have done it because he was breaking into a school at the time. Police said they arrested the man for the break-in. Belga News Agency reported Wednesday.

Find killer and jump the queue

MOSCOW (R) - Help find a murderer in the Ukrainian city of Kharkov and you could be offered a favourable place in the queue for scarce cars and and housing. The daily Komsomolskaya Pravda reported that authorities in the city of 1.5 million had made the offer along with a substantial reward in connection with six murder cases. The paper said thousands of calls had been received, leading to the capture of one suspect who admitted to two killings. It did not mention whether anyone had received a reward for providing information. against him.

Turtles return to sea

ABU DHABI (R) — Fishermen in the United Arab Emirates were forced to return 10 turtles to tbe sea after they were intercepted in the Guif. Mobammad: Al Zaabi, head of the fisheries department in the northern emirate of Ras Al Khaimah, said Friday the turiles were freed a day earlier by patrols set up specifically to protect them. "We try our hardest to preserve turtles," he said.

Girl saved from train crash

CLEVELAND (AP) - A man chasing a driver in anger afrer she knocked down signs in front of his home pulled her from her disabled car seconds before it was demolished by a train, police said. "It's funny. At first I was mad at this girl when she hit those signs in front of our house." Thomas Saunders said, "But when she got stuck on the tracks. I didn't even remember what I was mad about. All I could think was she needed hele actually got into my car with the ourpose of chasing her down to SHITED get her license plate number." man a la said Saunders, 19, of Cleveland, 832, 4 Jennifer Johnson, 17, of Painesville was going westbound on a city street when she turned the car and tried to drive across contail tracks. Police said a wheel conrail tracks. Police said a wheel of ber car became lodged in the tracks. Saunders said he tried unsuccessfully to pash her car with his. As the approached, Saunders said he velled at Ms. Johnson to Jeave 3 3200 her car. "As the train was :----approaching, the driver blew his horn, and she got hysterical," he said. "I opened up her car door and pulled her out just before the train demolished the car." Police

Age puts limits on glamour

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NEW YORK (AP) -- Angie Dickinson says she knows how Dickinson says site and a line age puts limits on glamour. In the 1960s, she told People magazine. agent Irving "Swifty" Lazar told her: "You're too old to be wearing hot pants.' I was in my early 30s, and he was right. Certain things don't work after a certain point. It's just good taste," said the 58-year-old actress; who stars with Telly Savalas in an upcoming Kojak movie on ABC You think you'll look good or that they've photographed you well. but you end up fooling yourself."

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Judge and congressman killed in fresh Colombia explosions

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) -Two bombs exploded in the capital, killing three people, including a child, and injuring five, a national radio chain reported early Friday.

The latest attacks came late Thursday, the same day judges and court workers began a series of nationwide strikes demanding more protection from drug traffickers. The strikes were called in response to the murders Wednesday of a judge and a congressman, apparently by drug traf-A car bomb exploded in the

western part of the capital, killing three members of the same family who were walking nearby, the radio network Caracol said, quoting witnesses. The three victims were a woman, her small child and her nephew, the report said. Four people were injured in the blast and one was in critical condition after losing his arm,

China releases wanted list

suppressed the movement June 4.

Caracol said. The bomb caused extensive damage to a mattress

Another blast minutes earlier in northern Bogota damaged a bank and injured one person, the network reported.

Caracol quoted police as saying they had deactivated a third bomb, placed at a Colombian-American cultural exchange centre in downtown Bogota late Thursday, and a car bomb on the outskirts of the capital. More than 180 bombings bave

rocked Colombia since the government declared a crackdown on drug traffickers Aug. 19, the day after a leading presidential candidate was assassinated. The terrorist campaign bas left 25 people dead and another 224 injured. In Medellin, where ther judge was killed Wednesday, federal judges walked off the job indefinitely until they receive more

protection

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

HONG KONG (API - A new wanted list issued by Chinese

authorities named Chai Ling, a 23-year-old woman who played a

key role in the pro-democracy movement, her husband and six

other dissidents, a newspaper reported Friday. The independent

Chinese-language Ming Pao newspaper printed a copy of what it

identified as the official wanted list issued last month by the

Ministry of Public Security. Such a document would seem to

indicate that the dissidents are still at large. The wanted nouce

said the seven dissidents "were important criminals who incited.

organised and led the Peking counterrevolutionary rebellion," the

name used by the Chinese leadership for the protests. Of the

three most prominent student leaders of the Tiananment Square

demonstrations last spring, Chai is the only one whose whereab-

outs have been unknown since the Chinese military violently

OSLO (R) - A Soviet submarine was entangled in the nets of a

Norwegian trawler in the Barents Sea Thursday, the second such

incident in three months, but broke free when the wires snapped

in heavy seas. "There were no injuries and no damage to either of

the vessels," Major Geir Anda of Norway's Northern Defence

Command said. The non-nuclear Foxtrot-class submarine broke

Norwegian trawler nets Soviet sub

It was the third time judges have gone on strike in the last three months to demand better protection from drug traffickers. In the last eight years, 222 court workers, including 43 judges, have been killed, most of them by

drug traffickers. Federal Judge Mariela Espinoza was killed Wednesday by submachine-gun fire from two speeding cars as she arrived at her Medellin home with two guards on motorcycles. One of the body-guards and a bystander were

In Bogota, federal congressman Luis Francisco Madero was killed with a pistol shot to the head Wednesday night by a man waiting outside his apartment.

Madero a 27-year veteran in Colombia's House of Representatives, had supported extradition of suspected traffickers to the United States.

strike spreads in far north

MOSCOW (AP) - A coal strike threatened to shut down most of the shafts in the Soviet Arctic's Pecbora Basin Friday, strike leaders said, while officials warned a drop in coal production could cause rationing this winter.

By Friday morning, some 18,000 workers at 12 of 13 mines in the Vorkuta region of the basin had joined the strike to press for improved living and working conditions, strike committee member

Inta, some 10,000 miners at five shafts were voung on whether to join the walkout, strike organiser Yaroslav Chaban said in a telephone interview.

Soviet authorities warned that declining coal production could force the rationing of heat and

Soviet coal

Sergei Nosovov said.

rebels suspend peace talks

Guerrillas have suspended peace talks with the government, accusing the president of-colluding in the bombing of a union hall.

Thousands of union members buried six dead comrades Thursday and vowed to seek revenge. Because the colour of blood is

Many of the marchers carried

bundo Marti National Liberation Front, said Thursday it had "sus-

peace talks with the government. Representatives of the rebels

Marcos' home province of llocos During the ally, the crowd cheered wildly as Laurel asked: "Do you agree that Marcos' body must be allowed home?

"It is now very clear what the civilian-military coup that swept people want. You are a very powerful force. The government must follow the peoples' will. If not, you know what to do," said Laurel, who is at odds with President Corazon Aguino.

Policemen arrest an ethnic Albanian after demonstrations in Podujevo, Yugoslavia.

day clash.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

- Ethnic violence has flared

again in the southern province of

Kosovo, and at least five ethnic

Albanians have been killed in

clashes with police, according to

The unrest was sparked by the

trial of the province's former

Communist Party chief. Azem

Vlasi, a popular ethnic Albanian.

Four people were killed Thurs-

day in Pristina, capital of the

southern province, when police

dislodged a group of armed ethnic Albanians who had barri-

caded themselves inside a high-

rise building, said snurces who

There was no immediate offi-

Police disclosed earlier Thurs-

cial confirmation of the report.

day that an ethnic Albanian iden-

tified as Bedri Skilji was shot and

killed Wednesday night when ab-

out 1,000 demonstrators took to

MANILA, Philippines (AP1 — Vice President Salvador Laurel

joined thousands of people mar-

ching through the city Friday to

demand the return from Hawaii

of Ferdinand Marcos' body in the

largest show of public support for

Reporters estimated that the

crowd swelled to about 20,000 as

the protesters reached suburban

Ouezon City for their rally, cli-

maxing an 11-day march from

lear missiles and restores some

funds for conventional weapons

by whom has become more im-

portant than how much it costs, is

"We're buying too many big-

where a weapon is built and

the president sought to kill.

the late president since 1986.

and 14 other Albanians.

requested anonymity.

the streets in Pristina.

теропь.

5 killed as violence flares in Kosovo

Press by telephone.

An unspecified number of peo-

ple were injured in the Wednes-

Before they retook the high-

rise building Thursday, security forces met with gunfire from

automane weapons held by the

people barricaded inside, sources

in Pristina told the Associated

Only a few hours earlier, about

500 demonstrators attempted to

stage a protest on the main strect of Pristina. but were quickly dis-

persed by police using tear gas

Clashes also broke out Thurs-

day in other Kosovo towns, where police fought running hat-tles with demonstrators. One

policeman was seriously injured

when a protester hit him with an

axe in Podujevo, a town 31

kilometres north of Pristina, a

television news programme said.

first in the flare-up of violence that started when Vlasi's trial

Laurel joins march for return

of Marcos body to Philippines

The reports of deaths were the

Philippines for burial.

lived since being ousted in a 1986 body.

U.S. lawmakers agree on \$305b defence bill

The tilt-rotor Osprey, which Bush sought to cancel, will receive \$255 million in research and development money but no procurement funds. The negotiators also agreed to

buy 18 F-14Ds in the fiscal year that began Oct. I but none in fiscal 1991. The legislation also requires the manufacturer. Grumman Corp., of New York. to "sign up for termination." according to Sen. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee..

The debate over the cancellauon of the F-14D was the most contentious of the nearly eight

fly like a plane, and the navy's Senate defence bills, lawmakers F-14D Tomcat jet fighter. Defence Secretary Dick Cheney said he was "generally

pleased" with the bill because it provides for "a strong national defence and the basic principles of the president's defence budget recommendations." But Cheney expressed some disappointment with the cut in

SDI, the planned space-based missile defence systems. The bill provides \$3.79 billion

for the anti-missile shield. That represents about \$200

million less than the amount earmarked in fiscal 1989 and the first decrease in funds since former President Ronald Reagan proposed the programme six years

Corruption, violence and sex blight Indian elections NEW DELHI (R) - Sex, cor- du militants taking part in procesaffair with McJi's wife and orderthe documents on which they

rupoon and violence — traditional ingredients of Indian elections - have been added in large measure to the strong mix for this month's poll.

Accusations fly as politicians pursue vicious campaigns of character assassination. Internecine plots are denounced daily and both sides are gathering "goondas." Goondas — toughs — protect

candidates, disrupt general election meetings of rivals and intimidate voters on polling days, this year Nov. 22, 24 and 26. "We all have to do it, because

our rivals will," said a prominent member of Prime Mioister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party this week. Pre-election violence has already flared in the southern state Andbra Pradesh, where

police opened fire to disperse

rival supporters, and in Marxistruled West Bengal state. Each side blames the other for an eruption of Hindu-Muslim violence in the electorally-crucial Hindi-speaking belt of northern India where more than 200 people h_ve been killed in Hindu-Muslim riots over the past week.

The riots were sparked by Hin-

sions to press for a shrine to be built on a spot where Muslims have a mosque in the Uttar Pradesh town of Ayodbya. Congress accuses the opposition of fomenting the violence.

"This is going to be a dirty election, perhaps the dirtiest we have known. These kinds of allegations have been made before, but never to this extent, said Satpal Malik, spokesman for the opposition Janata Dal.

The opposition in turn accuses Congress of triggering Hindu-Muslim riots in Uttar Pradesh town of Badaun. There, the cause appeared to be the decision of the state's Congress government to declare Urdu an official lan-

They said the decision on Urdu, the language associated by Hindus with the old enemy. Pakistan, was a simple bid to win the votes of Muslims, regarded as a crucial Congress vote-bank. Se is not far behind violence,

with Congress linking opposition politician Sanjay Singh — from Gandhi's own Amethi constituency in Uttar Pradesh - to the murder of former Indian badminton champion Syed Modi in July: He is accused of having an ing the badminton star's murder when it was discovered "They are after Sanjay because

he is the strongman of Ametbi,

said a Janata Dal leader, Arif

Mohammad Khan. Not to be outdone, the opposition charged Environment Minister Z.R. Ansari with molesting a young Hindu woman. Mukti Datta, who came to his office seeking

help last month Datta alleged in a complaint to the police that the Muslim minister kissed, fondled and tried to rape her.

Ansari denied the charge and said it was a bid by enemies in Congress to make him politically weak before the polls, but the opposition has taken up the case with relish. Congress appeared to wash its

hands of the affair, saying the voters in Ansari's constituency would make their judgment. Overshadowing all the other scandals is the opposition charge that Gandhi's men took bribes to

award Bofors of Sweden a \$1.3

billion artillery contract. Widely-circulated newspapers this week published what they say are new revelations proving Gandhi took money. Congress call

were based forgeries and diplomats said whether that was true or not, they proved nothing,

Opposition unites

Press Trust of India (PTI) quoted senior oppositinn leaders as saying they had agreed on consensus candidates to oppose Congress Party nominces for at least 412 of the 545 seats in the Lok Sabha, the decision-making lower house of parliament.

factor in Indian elections, Poll analysts say ballots cast in favour of the usually fractious opposition have been divided in previous elections and Cnngress Party nominees have won despite get-

The opposition last united in the 1977 general elections and swept the polls. That vote was seen as a rejection of strict laws of emergency imposed by Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi's mother and predecessor, from 1975.

The unity did not last and Mrs. Gandhi swept back to power in mid-term polls called in 1980.

PTI said Mohammad Shafi Bhat was returned unopposed from the Sri Nagar constituency in the northern state of Jammu-Kashmir, after the withdrawal of poll nominations ended Thursday. Bhat belongs to the National Conference, which is allied to Gandhi's Congress Party.

want Sinha, the general secretary of the Janata Dal or People's Party, as saying that consensus candidates would be put up in the northern states of Uttar Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and in New Deihi.

The Janata Dal is a centrist political group and has been at the forefront of the unity efforts. leading to agreements with parties across the ideological spectrum, from the Communist Party (Marxist) to the right-leaning

The Janata Dal is led by Vish-

The news agency quoted Yash-

Bharatiya Janata Party.

wanath Pratap Singh, a former defence minister, who resigned from the Congress Party in 1987 and has emerged as one of Gandhi's strongest foes.

free just after dark when the two trawl wires snapped in a tbree-metre (10 foot) swell in international waters about 50 miles north east of Fiskehalvoya in the Norwegian Arctic. The submarine had surfaced beside the T.O. Senior trawler after it got caught a few hours earlier. Anda said a Soviet sailor slipped into the icy waters during efforts to free the submarine but was hauled U.S. nun missing in Guatemala GUATEMALA CITY (AP) - A Roman Catholic nun from the U.S. who had received threatening letters disappeared from the garden of a retreat house, a church official said. Arcbbishop Prospero Penados Del Barrio of Guatemala City said in a telephooe interview that Sister Diana Ortiz, 31, of the Ursuline

Order had gone into the garden Thursday of the Belene Sisters retreat house, a former convent in Antigua, and "she did not return at lunch time." In Washington, State Department spokesman Dave Denny said the U.S. embassy in Guatemala City has a report on Ortiz, and the Guatemalan police also have been given a missing person report. The archbishop said the nun probably has watched and kidnapped from the courtyard without anyone's noticing. She had been threatened several times while teaching kindergarten for more than a year in San Miguel Acatan, in Huehuetenango province, 362 kilometres non b west of Guatema-

Mauritius protests ship bombing

la City, he said.

PORT LOUIS (R) - Mauritius has strongly protested to the United States over the accidental U.S. bombing of one of its own ships near the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, which is claimed by Mauritius. Deputy Prime Minister Satcam Boolell, who is also foreign minister, said Thursday night he expressed grave concern over the incident to U.S. Charge d'Affaires Susan Johnson. A U.S. fighter jet Monday accidentally dropped a bomb on the American cruiser USS Reeves during military training exercises near Diego Garcia, injuring five U.S. Navy men. Diego Garcia is a British Indian Ocean territory about 1,000 nautical miles north east of Mauritius. It has no permanent population but houses a huge U.S. military base.

About 160 kilometres away in

George Bush will accept a \$305billion defence bill that cuts \$1.1 billion from the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) and provides one less B-2 Stealth bomber in fiscal 1990. "Apart from SDI, on the wbole

it's (the bill) which we find acceptable," Sen. John Warner of Virginia, ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said shortly after congressional negotiators adopted the legislation Thursday. The bill soll must be approved

critics were outspoken about a

defence blueprint that provides

all but \$150 million of the money

Bush sought for land-based nuc-

il needed and wehther it contributes to our national security. said Congressman Larry J. Hopkins, a Republican and member of the House Armed Services Committee.

ticket items with no hard choices," said congressman John Kasich, another Republican and panel member. by the full House and Senate, and The object of their anger was the conferees' decision to provide

money for the Marine Corps' V-20 Osprey, the aircraft that takes off like a helicopter but can

weeks of debate over the two widely, divergent House and

Meanwhile major opposition parties Thursday announced they would field a single candidate in more than 400 constituencies in this month's parliamentary elections in an effort to defeat Gandhi's Congress Party.

Opposition unity is a crucial

ting less than half the votes.